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HOUSE BILL NO. 6147



Introduced by Hon. Julieta R. Cortuna,
Representatives, A TEACHER Party-list

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF
THE PHILIPPINES – SABLAYAN CAMPUS IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAYAN, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO TO
BE KNOWN AS “PUP-SABLAYAN CAMPUS” APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution Section 1, Article XIV provides that,
“The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality
education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education
accessible to all.”

Furthermore, Section 11 of Presidential Decree No. 1341 (Charter
Creating the Polytechnic University of the Philippines) provides:

“It shall be the concern of the University to disperse its programs in the
countryside through a system of regional branches.”

The Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) Sablayan campus
located in Occidental Mindoro has been in operation for four years now under a
Memorandum Agreement (MOA). Under the MOA, the local government of
Sablayan shall fund all expenses for its operations.

With the passage of this legislative measure, the expenses for the
operation of the university shall be charged to the National Government
General Appropriation Act (GAA) which in return will lessen the expenditures
of the local government unit concerned.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is hereby earnestly
sought.


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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled;*

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "PUP- Sablayan Campus act"

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3 **SECTION 2.** It is hereby declared by the State to provide accessible, quality and
4 affordable education to all, PUP system, since it was created proves the same.
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6 **SECTION 3.** The PUP Sablayan Campus shall offer graduate, undergraduate and
7 short term technical courses within the areas of specialization and according to its
8 capabilities, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry its objectives,
9 particular in order to meet the needs of the province and the region. The University
10 Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and provides
11 progressive leadership in these areas, includes the offering of post graduate degrees
12 under the Open University System.
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1 **SECTION 4.** The University shall have the general powers of a corporation set
2 forth in the Corporation Law. The administration of the University and the exercise of this
3 powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents of the Polytechnic University
4 of the Philippines.

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6 **SECTION 5.** The University Campus shall provide a scholarship program and
7 other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students to qualify for
8 admission to the University.

9 No Student shall be denied admission to the University Campus by reason of sex,
10 religion, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin.

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12 **SECTION 6.** the University Campus shall enjoy academic freedom. University
13 Campus faculties, staff and students religious belief shall be respected at all times.

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15 **SECTION 7.** On or before the fifteenth of the second month after the opening of
16 the regular class each year, the Board shall file with both Houses of Congress a detailed
17 report on the progress, conditions and needs of the PUP Sablayan Campus.

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19 **SECTION 8.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act shall be
20 Charged against the current year's appropriations of the Polytechnic University of the
21 Philippines. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and
22 maintenance of the PUP shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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24 **SECTION 9.** In coordination with the Polytechnic University of the Philippines,
25 within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the PUP
26 Sabalayan Campus shall accomplish the following:

1 Submit a five (5) year development plan, including its corresponding program
2 budget, to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the DBM; Undergo a
3 management audit in cooperation with the CHED; Accordingly set up its organizational,
4 administrative as well as academic, structure, including the appointment/ designation of
5 University Campus key officials;

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7 **SECTION 10.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the
8 "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" shall form an integral part of this Act and
9 together shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

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11 **SECTION 11.** All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and
12 limitations to state universities and/or its official under existing laws shall be deemed
13 granted to or imposed upon the University and/or its officials whenever appropriate.

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15 **SECTION 12.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and
16 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
17 amended or modified accordingly.

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19 **SECTION 13.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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21 Approved,