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Introduced by Honorable REYNALDO V. UMALI

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 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."*

Acquiring quality education is the key to uplift the lives of our citizens and ultimately drives the progress of our country. In this light, the government works to ensure that our education system produces competent graduates who will become the pool of highly skilled and employable work force. Likewise, the government endeavors to provide a strategic educational system that is accessible to our youth. This can be done through the creation/establishment a branch of existing University and State College.

The Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) Bansud Campus is located in the Municipality of Bansud, Province of Oriental Mindoro which has been in operation for nine (9) years now under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Under the MOA, the local government of Bansud shall fund all expenses for its operations.

However, in order to ensure the better and sustainable operation of PUP-Bansud Campus, the expenses for the operation of the University shall be charged to the National Government General Appropriations Act (GAA).

This shall necessitate the conversion of PUP Bansud from a "Campus" to an independent "Branch".

With the passage of this legislative measure, the people of the Province of Oriental Mindoro can have an access to a quality and affordable education that shall paved the way for them to have a better life in the future.

In view thereof, early consideration and approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE
PHILIPPINES-BANSUD BRANCH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANSUD,
ORIENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS "PUP-BANSUD BRANCH"
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "**PUP-Bansud
Branch Act**".

SECTION 2. It is hereby declared by the State to provide accessible, quality,
and affordable education to all, PUP system, since it was created proves the
same.

SECTION 3. The PUP-Bansud Branch shall offer graduate, undergraduate
and short term technical courses within the areas of specialization and
according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to
carry out its objectives, particular in order to meet the needs of the province
and the region. The University Branch is also mandated to undertake
research and extension services, and provides progressive leadership in
these areas, includes the offering of post graduate degrees under the Open
University System.

SECTION 4. The University shall have the general powers of a corporation
set forth in the Corporation Law. The administration of the University and
the exercise of its powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents
of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

SECTION 5. The University Branch shall provide a scholarship program and
other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students to
qualify for admission to the University. No student shall be denied

admission to the University Branch by reason of sex, religion, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin.

SECTION 6. The University Branch shall enjoy academic freedom. University Branch faculties, staff and students religious belief shall be respected at all times.

SECTION 7. On or before the fifteenth of the second month after the opening of the regular class each year, the Board shall file with both Houses of Congress a detailed report on the progress, conditions and needs of the PUP-BANSUD Branch.

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

SECTION 9. In coordination with the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the PUP-Bansud Branch shall accomplish the following:

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

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

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

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

SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,