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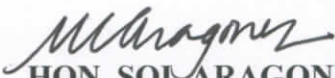
The 1987 Philippine Constitution Section 1, Article XIV provides that, “[t]he State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.”

Furthermore, Section 11 of Presidential Decree No. 1341 (Charter Creating the Polytechnic University of the Philippines) states that “[i]t 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) Calauan campus located in the third district of Laguna has been in operation for eight years now under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Under the MOA, the local government of Calauan shall fund all expenses for its operations.

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

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


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1 **AN ACT ESTABLISHING POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-**
2 **CALAUAN CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAN, LAGUNA TO BE**
3 **KNOWN AS “PUP – CALAUAN CAMPUS” APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
4 **AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

5 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*PUP - Calauan Campus Act.*”

6 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
7 provide accessible, quality and affordable education to all. PUP system, since it was created
8 proves the same.

9 **SECTION 3. PUP - Calauan Campus.** – The PUP - Calauan Campus shall offer
10 graduate, undergraduate and short term technical courses within the areas of specialization
11 and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its
12 objectives, particularly in order to meet the needs of the province and the region. The
13 University Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and
14 provide progressive leadership in these areas, and offer post graduate degrees under the Open
15 University System.

16 **SECTION 4. General Powers and Administration.** – The University shall have the
17 general powers of corporation set forth in the Corporation Law. The administration of the
18 University and the exercise of its powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents
19 of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

1 **SECTION 5. *Scholarship and Admission Program.*** – The University Campus shall
2 provide a scholarship program and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but
3 deserving students to qualify for admission to the University.

4 No student shall be denied admission to the University Campus by reason of sex,
5 religion, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin.

6 **SECTION 6. *Academic Freedom.*** – The University Campus shall enjoy academic
7 freedom. University Campus faculties, staff and students' religious belief shall be respected
8 at all times.

9 **SECTION 7. *Setting-up Requirements.*** – In coordination with the Polytechnic
10 University of the Philippines, within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the
11 approval of this Act, the PUP - Calauan Campus shall accomplish the following:

12 (1) submit a five (5) year development plan, including its corresponding program
13 budget to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), for appropriate
14 recommendation to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);

15 (2) undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED;

16 (3) set up its organizational, administrative as well as academic structure, including
17 the appointment and designation of University Campus key officials.

18 **SECTION 8. *Reportorial Requirement.*** – On or before the fifteenth of the second
19 month after the opening of the regular class each year, the Board shall file with both Houses
20 of Congress a detailed report on the progress, conditions, and needs of the PUP - Calauan
21 Campus.

22 **SECTION 9. *Governing Charter.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
23 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" shall form an
24 integral part of this Act and together shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

1 **SECTION 10. *Powers and Functions of Officials.*** – All other powers, functions,
2 privileges, responsibilities, and limitations to state universities and/or its officials under
3 existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the University and/or its officials
4 whenever appropriate.

5 **SECTION 11. *Appropriation.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
6 this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Polytechnic
7 University of the Philippines. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued
8 operation and maintenance of the PUP - Calauan Campus shall be included in the annual
9 General Appropriations Act.

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

13 **SECTION 13. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
14 following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national
15 newspapers of general circulation.

16 Approved,