

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
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HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. **7114**

Introduced by: **HON. ARLENE B. ARCILLAS**
First District, Laguna

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) is a non-sectarian, non-profit, public higher learning institution that traces its roots in 1904 during the American occupation. Currently, it has more than 20 campuses, serving more than 70,000 students, majority of whom belong to economically challenged families. PUP is considered the largest university in the country in terms of its student population.

In 2003, seeing the need to make tertiary education more accessible to the students of Santa Rosa City, then Mayor Leon C. Arcillas and the administration of PUP entered into a memorandum of agreement, leading to the establishment of the PUP-Santa Rosa City campus in Tiongco Subdivision, Barangay Tagapo. Under said agreement, the local government of the City of Santa Rosa was made to shoulder all the operational expense of the said campus, including the construction and maintenance of its physical facilities and the payment of utilities. To date, the campus has enrollees from San Pedro City, Biñan City, and other municipalities of Laguna and nearby provinces. From its initial intentions, the campus has grown into an institution catering to students not only from Santa Rosa City but from provinces of Region IV-A as well.

At present, PUP-Santa Rosa City offers the following academic programs


- Bachelor of Science in Accountancy
- Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communication Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Clinical Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Education major in English
- Bachelor of Science in Education major in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Marketing Management
- Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurial Management

Recently, under the stewardship of its Campus Director, Ms. Charito A. Montemayor, PUP Santa Rosa City campus bagged first place in a feasibility study competition at the regional level. With this achievement coupled with the recently enacted law granting free

tuition fee to state universities and colleges, enrollment has gone up and so as its operational expenses.

Taking this into consideration, this Representation filed this bill, seeking the inclusion of the operation of the PUP-Santa Rosa City campus in the national budget. If ever this legislative measure reaches its fruition, the expenses for the operation of the campus shall be charged to the General Appropriations Act which in return will lessen the expenditures of the local government unit concerned.

The immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-
SANTA ROSA BRANCH IN THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "PUP-Santa Rosa City Branch Act".

SECTION 2. There is hereby established a branch of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines in the City of Santa Rosa City, Province of Laguna, to be known as the PUP-Santa Rosa City Branch

SECTION 3. The PUP-Santa Rosa City Branch shall offer graduate, undergraduate, and short-term technical-vocational courses within its areas of specialization and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents (BOR) may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, particularly to meet the needs of the City and the Province.

SECTION 4. The PUP-Santa Rosa Branch shall be headed by a Branch Administrator, who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed/designated by the BOR upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of the University, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the BOR.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act and shall be included in the appropriations of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines under the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,