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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a branch of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) in the Municipality of Cabiao, Province of Nueva Ecija to be known as the PUP-Cabiao Branch.

It is a well-known fact that institutions of higher learning have grown significantly in number over the years and majority of these institutions are concentrated in highly urbanized cities and the more affluent provinces in the country. The most expensive university buildings with well-equipped facilities are found in Metro Manila and the adjoining cities and provinces in the National Capital Region.

This situation effectively limits the educational opportunities available for the poor but deserving students in remote municipalities, like the Municipality of Cabiao, who cannot afford the prohibitive private tertiary education offered in those schools.

The establishment of PUP-Cabiao Branch will certainly provide refuge for students from poor families in this part of the country as university education outside of the province entails collateral expenses such as boarding house rentals, food, transportation and miscellaneous expenses.

This bill therefore is a concrete gesture to the growing clamor of the people in the Municipality of Cabiao, Province of Nueva Ecija to have a quality and affordable tertiary educational institution accessible to all.

The foregoing reasons warrant the immediate approval of this bill.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A BRANCH OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE
PHILIPPINES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABIAO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA
ECIJA TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE
PHILIPPINES (PUP) - CABIAO BRANCH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

*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-Cabiao Branch Act".

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a branch of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) in the Municipality of Cabiao, Province of Nueva Ecija, to be known as the PUP-Cabiao Branch.

SEC. 3. The PUP-Cabiao 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 province and the Central Luzon Region.

The PUP-Cabiao Branch is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas, including the offering of graduate degrees under the PUP Open University System.

SEC. 4. The PUP-Cabiao 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, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the BOR.

SEC. 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 7. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,