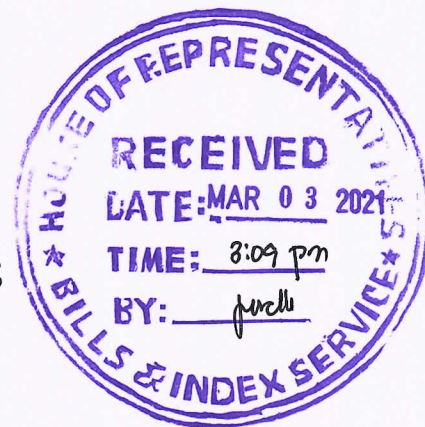




Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8881



Introduced by Representative Senior Deputy Speaker Doy C. Leachon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a campus of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) in the City of Calapan, Province of Oriental Mindoro, to be known as the “*PUP-Calapan Campus*,” to respond to the human resources development needs of the First Legislative District of Oriental Mindoro, composed of the municipalities of Baco, Naujan, Pola, Puerto Galera, San Teodoro, Socorro and Victoria, and the City of Calapan.

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution 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.”

PUP is a state university governed by Republic Act No. 8292, also known as the “*Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997*.” It is one of the country’s highly competent educational institutions. It provides quality but affordable education to all deserving students where a majority of the students enrolled belong to the economically-challenged level of society.

At present, there is an existing campus of the PUP in the Municipality of Bansud, Province of Oriental Mindoro, known as the “*PUP-Bansud Campus*,” which was established by virtue of Republic Act No. 11281, otherwise known as the “*PUP-Bansud Campus Act*,” approved on April 12, 2019. Majority of the

students come from the adjacent municipalities of the Second Legislative District of Oriental Mindoro, composed of the municipalities of Bansud, Bongabong, Bulalacao, Gloria, Mansalay, Pinamalayan, and Roxas.

There are still a great number of students in Oriental Mindoro who clamor for a quality higher education, especially those from the First Legislative District. Hence, this bill, which seeks to establish another PUP campus in the City of Calapan, the largest municipality in Oriental Mindoro. It is located at the center of the eastern coastal plains of the province, making it accessible and convenient for students in the First Legislative District of Oriental Mindoro.

Establishing another PUP campus in the area will effectively address the need for higher professional and technical learning in that part of the country. This becomes urgent in light of the increasing demands for human resource development in a fast-growing region, with rich potential for economic growth, commerce, tourism, and agro-industrial development.

Providing quality, responsive, and relevant education will be a morale-booster not only for the residents of Oriental Mindoro but also for residents of the neighboring provinces and municipalities.

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



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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE CITY OF CALAPAN, PROVINCE OF
ORIENTAL MINDORO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-CALAPAN
CAMPUS, 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-Calapan Campus
Act.*”

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a campus of the Polytechnic
University of the Philippines (PUP) in the City of Calapan, Province of Oriental
Mindoro, to be known as the “*PUP-Calapan Campus.*”

SEC. 3. The PUP shall admit students to its PUP-Calapan Campus who
may avail of short term technical-vocational courses, an expanded associate,
undergraduate, and graduate courses in Business Administration, Computer and
Information Science, Tourism and Hospitality Management, Human Kinetics and
Technology, and other studies within its areas of competency and specialization

pursuant to its mandate, and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to respond to the human resources development needs of Oriental Mindoro, and the neighboring provinces of Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, and Palawan.

The PUP-Calapan Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas, including the offering of graduate degrees through open distance learning under the PUP Open University System.

SEC. 4. The PUP-Calapan Campus shall be headed by a campus administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed or designated by the Board of Regents upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of PUP. Such appointment or designation shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board of Regents.

SEC. 5. The establishment of the PUP-Calapan Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied with, as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

SEC. 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel and records of the PUP-Calapan Campus, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the PUP. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed at the PUP-Calapan Campus under existing laws prior to integration into the PUP shall be respected.

1 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the PUP-
2 Calapan Campus are hereby declared to be the property of the PUP, and shall be
3 titled under that name: *Provided*, That should the PUP cease to exist or be
4 abolished, or would no longer need such parcels of land aforementioned, the same
5 revert to the local government units concerned.

6 SEC. 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the
7 “*Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997*” shall form an integral part of this
8 Act, and together shall serve as the governing charter of the PUP.

9 SEC.8. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and
10 limitations to state universities and its officials under existing laws shall be
11 deemed granted to or imposed upon the university and its officials whenever
12 appropriate.

13 SEC. 9. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act
14 shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the Polytechnic
15 University of the Philippines. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its
16 continued operation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

17 SEC. 10. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and
18 regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the
19 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

20 SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
21 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

22 Approved,