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HOUSE BILL NO. 2363



Introduced by **Hon. Charisse Anne C. Hernandez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The latest Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA) Special Release: Results of Census Population (2015) in Calamba City, Laguna, indicates that a total of 190,790 of the population completed high school while only 55,781 are academic degree holders.

It is not be difficult to explain such demographics: There is only one (1) public tertiary educational institution in Calamba City— the City College of Calamba.

In the same Census, a total of 41,680 of the population is in the age group of 15 to 19 years old while 48,106 are in the age group of 20 to 24 years old. These are the age groups who are in the secondary and tertiary education. The Census of Population was taken in 2015, when the total population of Calamba City was only 454,486. In 2020 Census, the population of Calamba City is 539,671. With the insufficiency of public tertiary schools to accommodate the growing college student population of Calamba City, the students are compelled to seek free college education in nearby towns or provinces. Others who do not have the means to afford the transport would have to content themselves to finish only up to high school education.

The establishment of Polytechnic University of the Philippines - Calamba Campus will benefit the underprivileged students to get better access to quality college education.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charisse Anne C. Hernandez".

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE
PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO
BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-CALAMBA 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-Calamba Campus Act”.

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a campus of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), hereinafter referred to as the University, in the City of Calamba, Province of Laguna, to be known as the PUP-Calamba Campus.

SEC. 3. The PUP-Calamba Campus shall primarily provide short term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization pursuant to its mandate, and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resources development needs of the Province of Laguna and of the Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon (Calabarzon) Region.

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

SEC. 5. The establishment of the PUP-Calamba 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. 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.

SEC. 7. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. If, for then reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed

SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,