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HOUSE BILL NO. 2625



Introduced by **Representative GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE FLORIDABLANCA NATIONAL
AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL (FNAS) LOCATED IN
FLORIDABLANCA, PAMPANGA, INTO AN
ATTACHED CAMPUS OF THE PAMPANGA STATE
AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY (PSAU), LOCATED IN
MAGALANGA, PAMPANGA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Satellite or extension campuses are established by universities to serve the educational needs of a more distant community. They provide higher educational opportunities for students who would otherwise not have access to tertiary education in their local communities.

The Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU) located in Magalang, Pampanga is a state agricultural institution viewed as a university with a heart for HUMANity, Agriculture, Nature and Entrepreneurship (HUMANE) Development. It stands out among the other public and private academic institutions in the province and in Central Luzon. The university envisions itself to be a center of excellence for development and a premier university of science, arts and technology in agroecological, environmental and industrial management under a culture of unity and teamwork for excellence. The PSAU fully supports the national government's commitment that puts education as the central strategy for investing in the Filipino people, reducing poverty and building national competitiveness.

To further its reach in providing quality higher education to all who seek it, particularly those who may not be able to afford it, PSAU seeks to establish

an extension campus in the Municipality of Floridablanca, Pampanga by converting the Floriblanca National Agricultural School (FNAS) into an attached campus of the PSAU.

In view of the foregoing, the passage into law of this propose measure is earnestly sought.



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

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4 **SECTION. 1. *Short Title.*** This Act shall be known as the “Pampanga State
5 Agricultural University (PSAU) Campus Act”.
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7 **SEC. 2.** The Floridablanca National Agricultural School (FNAS), a public
8 high school established in 1964 by virtue of Republic Act 3901, located in
9 Floridablanca, Pampanga is hereby converted into an attached campus of the
10 Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU), located in Magalang, Pampanga
11 and to be known as the PSAU Campus in Floridablanca, Pampanga.
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13 **SEC. 3. *General Mandate.*** The University shall admit students in its
14 Floridablanca campus who may avail of advanced education, higher
15 technological, professional instruction and training in the fields of agriculture
16 arts and sciences, teacher education, industrial technology and engineering,
17 information technology, business management and accountancy, nontraditional
18 courses and other relevant fields of study. Provided, that no degree program
19 shall be offered without the approval of the Commission on Higher Education
20 (CHED). The University shall also undertake research, extension services and
21 production activities in support of the development of the Province of Pampanga

and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization (Sec. 2, RA 10605).

SEC. 4. Administration of the PSAU Campus. The University President shall have overall supervision and management of the PSAU Campus in Floridablanca, Pampanga which shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the University President. Subject to the usual government accounting and budgeting rules and regulations, the Campus Director is hereby authorized to cause the construction or repair of the campus buildings, machinery, equipment and other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property for the campus, including necessary supplies, materials and equipment.

SEC. 5. Compliance with CHED Requirements. The establishment of the PSAU Floridablanca Campus shall be in accordance with the minimum requirements for its operation and its program offerings have been complied with as duly prescribed by the CHED.

SEC. 6. Development Plan, Infrastructure, Development Plan, Management Audit, and Organization/Administrative/Academic Structure – Within a period of Sixty (60) days, after the approval of this Act, the PSAU Floridablanca Campus shall accomplish the following:

- (a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program budget to the CHED, for appropriation recommendation to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
- (b) Submit an infrastructure development plan including a corresponding site development plan to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the DBM;
- (c) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and
- (d) Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative, financial as well as academic structure, including the appointment/designation of the key campus officials.

SEC. 7. Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment, Supplies and Vehicles. The heads of agencies and offices of the national government (NGs) and the heads of local government units (LGUs) are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the University President, such apparatus, equipment, supplies and vehicles as may be deemed by the University when, in the judgment of the heads, such apparatus, equipment, supplies and vehicles can be spared without serious detriment to public service.

SEC. 8. Land and Other Real Properties. All parcels of land belonging to the government and occupied by the PSAU Floridablanca Campus are hereby declared as the property of the University and shall be titled under that name:

68 Provided, that should the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such
69 parcels of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the University, the same
70 shall be revert to the concerned local government unit.
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72 **SEC. 9. Appropriations.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions
73 of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).
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75 **SEC. 10. Suppletory Application.** The provisions of the Republic Act No.
76 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997",
77 the Republic Act 10605, and the Republic Act No. 4576 shall form as integral
78 part of this Act.
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80 **SEC. 11. Parity Clause.** All other powers, functions, privileges,
81 responsibilities and limitations to state colleges and universities and/or its
82 officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the
83 PSAU Floridablanca Campus and/or its officials, whenever appropriate.
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85 **SEC. 12. Separability Clause.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of
86 this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions
87 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
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89 **SEC. 13. Repealing Clause.** - All other laws, acts, presidential decrees or
90 issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules
91 or regulations contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act are
92 hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.
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94 **Sec. 14. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
95 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of
96 general circulation.
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98 *Approved.*