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HOUSE BILL NO. 8014



Introduced by Representative DAVID "Jay-Jay" C. SUAREZ and Representative ANNA MARIE VILLARAZA- SUAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is home to a multitude of state universities and colleges (SUCs) that have played a crucial role in providing quality education to individuals from diverse backgrounds. However, these institutions face numerous challenges that hinder their ability to offer high-quality education to their students. These challenges include inadequate funding, outdated facilities, and insufficient research and extension programs, among others.

To address these challenges, this bill proposes the establishment of the Adopt-a-School Program for SUCs in the Philippines. The primary objective of this bill is to foster partnerships between SUCs and individuals, corporations, and organizations that are willing to contribute financial assistance, donations, technical expertise, or other forms of support to enhance the quality of education, research, and extension programs in these institutions.

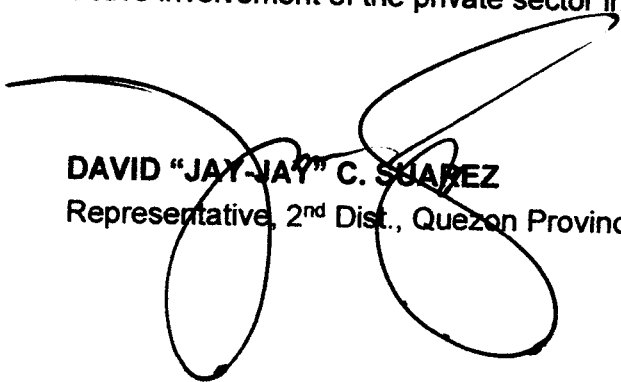
The proposed bill is based on the Adopt-a-School Program established under Republic Act No. 8525, which has effectively improved the quality of education in the public elementary and secondary schools throughout the Philippines. Currently, 10,000 schools have been adopted by diverse entities, including corporations, civic groups, and individuals (Department of Education, 2021).

It is expected that the Adopt-a-School Program for SUCs will yield similar positive outcomes. The program will encourage active participation from the private sector and other stakeholders in the development of SUCs, foster public-private partnerships in the provision of education services, strengthen the relationship between SUCs and their stakeholders, and provide adopters with opportunities to contribute to the advancement of SUCs and the country as a whole.

Furthermore, the proposed bill offers various incentives to adopters, such as tax incentives, priority in government procurement and bidding processes, recognition and awards from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and permission to use the name and logo of

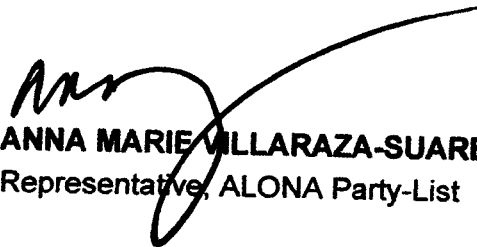
the adopted SUC for marketing and publicity purposes, in accordance with the guidelines provided by the CHED.

In light of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is urgently needed to enhance the quality of education in SUCs in the Philippines, foster public-private partnerships, and encourage the active involvement of the private sector in the development of SUCs.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE ADOPT- A- SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR STATE UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES (SUCs)

Be it passed by the Philippine Senate and House of Representatives in Congress, in session:

Section 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Adopt-a-University Act".

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. - The State recognizes the need to improve the quality of education in the state universities and colleges (SUCs) in the Philippines, and that the partnerships between the government, private sector, and other stakeholders are essential in achieving this goal. It is the policy of the State to promote and support the adoption of SUCs by individuals, corporations, and organizations to help enhance the quality of education, research, and extension programs in these institutions.

Sec. 3. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- a. "Adopter" refers to an individual, corporation, or organization that voluntarily undertakes to support a SUC in its programs and projects through financial assistance, donations, technical expertise, or other forms of assistance.
- b. "SUC" refers to any state university or college established and existing under Republic Act No. 8292 or the Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997.

- c. "Program" refers to the Adopt- a- School Program for SUCs established under this Act.

Sec. 4. Establishment of the Adopt-a-School Program for SUCs- It is hereby established that the Adopt-a-State University and College Program shall be implemented by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) with technical support and guidance from the Department of Education (DepEd).

Sec. 5. Objectives. - This Act shall have the following objectives:

- a. To enhance the quality of education, research, and extension programs in SUCs through support of adopters;
- b. To encourage the private sector and other stakeholders to actively participate in the development of SUCs;
- c. To promote public- private partnerships in the delivery of education services;
- d. To strengthen the relationship between SUCs and their stakeholders; and
- e. To provide opportunities for adopters to continue the development of SUCs and the country.

Sec. 6. Incentives for Adopters. - Under this Act, the adopters shall be entitled to the following incentives:

- a. In accordance with existing laws and regulations;
- b. Priority in government procurement and bidding processes, subject to the provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act;
- c. Recognitions and awards from CHED;
- d. Use of the name and logo of the adopted SUC for marketing and publicity purposes; and
- e. Other incentives as may be determined by CHED.

Sec. 7. Guidelines and Implementing Rules and Regulations. - CHED, in consultation with DepEd, adopters, SUCs, and other stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary guidelines and implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

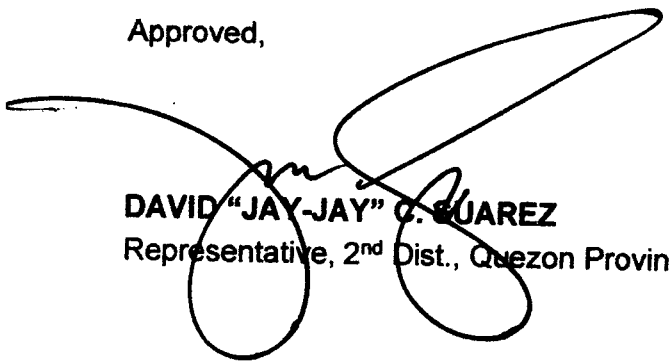
Sec. 8. Appropriations. - The necessary funds for the implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the annual General Appropriations Act and other funding sources, including donations from adopters and other interested parties.

Sec. 9. Separability Clause- If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

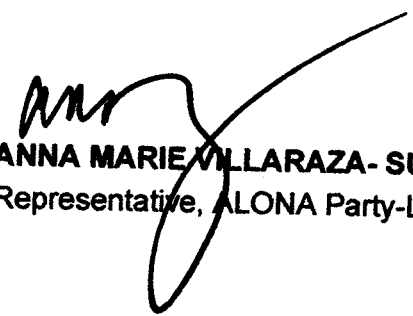
Sec. 10. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 11. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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