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HOUSE BILL NO. 788

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE MERCEDES K. ALVAREZ, MNSA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On October 19, 2012, Republic Act No. 10228 was enacted into law to convert the Negros State College of Agriculture (“NSCA”) in the City of Kabankalan, Province of Negros Occidental, into a state university now known as the Central Philippines State University (“CPSU”). Currently, the CPSU has a main campus in the City of Kabankalan and 10 extension campuses in the Municipalities of Hinoba-an, Cauayan, Ilog, Candoni, Moises Padilla, and Hinigaran and in the Cities of San Carlos, Sipalay, Himamaylan, and Victorias, all located in the Province of Negros Occidental.

While the CPSU is the first agricultural institution in the country, the said university and its campuses did not fail to encourage our youth to pursue different programs in higher education. Accordingly, the following are the CPSU extension campuses with their respective specialized programs:

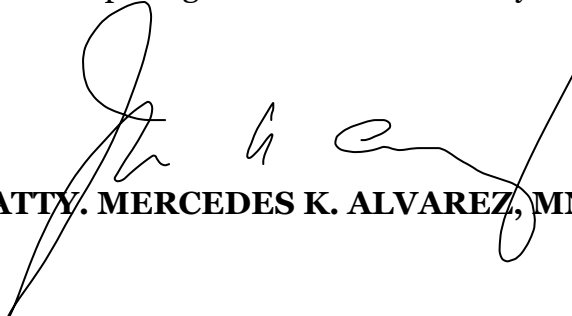
- (1) Hinoba-an Campus, located in Municipality of Hinoba-an, has focused on specialized programs in Elementary Education, Agribusiness, and Information Technology.
- (2) Cauayan Campus, located in the Municipality of Cauayan, has focused on specialized programs in Elementary Education and Secondary Education, Major in Mathematics and Major in Science, and Agribusiness.

- (3) Ilog Campus, located in the Municipality of Ilog, has focused on specialized programs in Elementary Education, Agribusiness, and Fisheries.
- (4) Candoni Campus, located in the Municipality of Candoni, has focused on specialized programs in Elementary Education and Agribusiness.
- (5) Moises Padilla Campus, located in the Municipality of Moises Padilla, has focused on specialized programs in Elementary Education, Agribusiness, and Information Technology.
- (6) Hinigaran Campus, located in the Municipality of Hinigaran, has focused on specialized programs in Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Major in Mathematics, Hospitality Management, Information Technology, and Agribusiness.
- (7) San Carlos Campus, located in the City of San Carlos, has focused on specialized programs in Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Major in Mathematics and Major in Science, Agribusiness, Hospitality Management, Information Technology, and Criminology.
- (8) Sipalay Campus, located in the City of Sipalay, has focused on specialized programs in Secondary Education, Major in Science, Agribusiness, and Hospitality Management.
- (9) Victorias Campus, located in the City of Victorias, has focused on specialized programs in Elementary Education, Agribusiness, Information Technology, and Hospitality Management.

Each campus has evolved into a distinct entity despite the challenges it faced. Since their establishment, their most common challenge has been the lack of administration and budget, thereby hampering them to provide students with the high-quality education that they deserve.

To address the challenges on administration and budget, this bill primarily seeks to convert the extension campuses of the CPSU into regular campuses. The salient features of the bill are as follows: (1) pursuant to their respective mandates, the regular campuses shall primarily provide short course programs, technical-vocational programs, and undergraduate and graduate degree programs within their respective areas of specialization; (2) the regular campuses shall undertake innovative and relevant research programs, extension services, linkages, and other activities to provide progressive leadership in the different areas of specialization offered and support socio-economic development; (3) the regular campuses shall each be headed by a Campus Administrator and shall be appointed by the Board of Regents; (4) the regular campuses shall comply with the rules and regulations set by the Commission on Higher Education; (5) all assets, liabilities, and obligations of the regular campuses shall be transferred to CPSU; (6) the security of tenure of teaching and non-teaching personnel in the regular campuses shall be respected; and (7) funds shall be allocated for *plantilla* positions of teaching and non-teaching personnel.

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



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CENTRAL PHILIPPINES STATE UNIVERSITY
(“CPSU”) EXTENSION CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF
HINOBA-AN, CAUAYAN, ILOG, CANDONI, MOISES PADILLA, AND
HINIGARAN AND IN THE CITIES OF SAN CARLOS, SIPALAY AND
VICTORIAS, IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO
REGULAR CAMPUSES OF THE CPSU SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the “Central Philippines State
2 University (“CPSU”) Regular Campuses Act”.

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4 Sec. 2. *Conversion of the CPSU Extension Campuses into Regular Campuses.*
5 The extension campuses of the CPSU in Hinoba-an, Cauayan, Sipalay, Ilog, Candoni,
6 Moises Padilla, Hinigaran, San Carlos, and Victorias (“the CPSU Regular Campuses”),
7 all situated in the Province of Negros Occidental, are hereby integrated into the CPSU
8 System as regular campuses.

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10 Sec. 3. *General Mandate.* The CPSU Regular Campuses shall primarily provide
11 short course programs, technical-vocational programs, and undergraduate and
12 graduate degree programs within their respective areas of specialization, pursuant to

1 their mandate and according to their capabilities as the Board of Regents of the CPSU
2 may deem necessary for the accomplishment of their objectives, which involve
3 addressing the human resource development needs of the Province of Negros
4 Occidental and Region VI.

5 The CPSU Regular Campuses shall undertake innovative and relevant research
6 programs, extension services, linkages, and other activities to provide progressive
7 leadership in the different areas of specialization offered and support socio-economic
8 development.

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10 *Sec. 4. Supervision and Management of the CPSU Regular Campuses.* The
11 CPSU Regular Campuses shall each be headed by a Campus Administrator to be
12 recommended by the Search Committee and the President of the CPSU for
13 appointment by the Board of Regents. Such appointment or designation shall be
14 subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board of Regents.

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16 *Sec. 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher*
17 *Education.* The Board of Regents shall ensure that the policies, standards, and
18 guidelines on academic programs and the minimum requirements on the operation of
19 the state universities and colleges, as prescribed by the Commission on Higher
20 Education, are duly complied with by the CPSU Regular Campuses.

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22 *Sec. 6. Management of Assets, Liabilities, and Obligations of the CPSU*
23 *Regular Campuses.* All assets, liabilities, and obligations of the CPSU Regular
24 Campuses shall be transferred to the CPSU.

25 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the CPSU Regular
26 Campuses are hereby transferred to the CPSU, and shall be titled under its name:
27 *Provided, That* should the CPSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such
28 aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by CPSU, the same shall revert to
29 the local government units concerned or the Republic of the Philippines, as the case
30 may be.

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32 *Sec. 7. Security of Tenure of Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel of the*
33 *CPSU Regular Campuses.* The positions, rights, and security of tenure of teaching and

1 non-teaching personnel employed by the CPSU Regular Campuses, under existing
2 laws and prior to the integration of the regular campuses to the CPSU System, shall be
3 respected.

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5 Sec. 8. *Appropriations*. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this
6 Act, including those required to fund the *plantilla* positions of teaching and non-
7 teaching personnel of the CPSU Regular Campuses shall be included in the annual
8 General Appropriations Act.

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10 Sec. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*. The Board of Regents, in
11 consultation with the CHED, shall promulgate, not later than sixty (60) days upon the
12 effectivity of this Act, the necessary rules and regulations for its effective
13 implementation: *Provided*, That the failure to promulgate such rules and regulations
14 shall not prevent the implementation of this Act upon its effectivity.

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16 Sec. 10. *Separability Clause*. If any part or provision of this Act is declared
17 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts of this Act or any provision not
18 affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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20 Sec. 11. *Repealing Clause*. All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
21 and other administrative issuances, rules, regulations or parts thereof which are
22 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby modified, superseded, or
23 repealed accordingly.

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25 Sec. 12. *Effectivity*. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
26 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the
27 Philippines.

Approved,