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HOUSE BILL NO. 1831



INTRODUCED BY HON. ANNA YORK P. BONDOC, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU)-Macabebe Campus, in line with the government's mandate to provide accessible and affordable college education to all.

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that the "State shall promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels of education and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) remain as the institutions of choice of underprivileged but deserving students because of free tuition, proximity to their homes, and the high quality of program offerings. They contribute constructively to the government's fundamental strategy to fight poverty and foster national competitiveness by accomplishing the mission of lifting economically and socially-marginalized Filipinos out of indigence.

At present, the Don Honorio Ventura State University has regular campuses located in the municipalities of Bacolor, Sto. Tomas, Porac, Lubao, Candaba, Apalit, Mexico, Sta. Rita, Floridablanca, Guagua and Sasmuan. It provides short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate and graduate courses with students from across the region. As one of the country's premiere universities, DHVSU has continued to provide the country with topnotch professionals in various fields.

The absence of a state-sponsored tertiary educational institution in this flood prone area in the 4th District of Pampanga forces students to seek admission in SUCs outside their area of residence. This situation, coupled with high fuel prices and worsening traffic, puts the family to incur extra expenses, rob students of their productive time, and may promote disinterest amongst the youth to pursue or complete their college, technical, or professional education.

Hence, the strategic locations of the proposed DHVSU-Macabebe Campus shall bring education opportunities closer to underprivileged but deserving students. It shall serve as an avenue for students to focus and learn their field of study, thereby making them more employable, equalizing the job market in the Philippines and abroad.

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


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE DON HONORIO
VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACABEBE, TO BE
KNOWN AS DHVSU-MACABEBE CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

SEC. 1. This Act shall be known as the "Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU)-
Macabebe Campus Act"

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a regular campus of the Don Honorio Ventura State University,
hereinafter referred to as the University, in the Municipality of Macabebe, Province of Pampanga,
to be known as the as the DHVSU - Macabebe Campus.

SEC. 3. The DHVSU-Macabebe Campus shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational,
undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant
to the mandate of DHVSU, and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter
referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and those which respond
to the human resources development needs of the Province of Pampanga and Region III.

The DHVSU-Macabebe Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services,
and to provide progressive leadership in the area.

SEC. 4. The governance of the campus shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents of the
DHVSU. The DHVSU shall exercise overall supervision and management of the campus.

SEC. 5. The DHVSU Macabebe Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall
render full-time service and shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the
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. 6. The establishment of the DHVSU Macabebe 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 and Technical Education (CHED).

SEC. 7. All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the DHVSU Macabebe
Campus are hereby declared to be the property of the University and shall be titled under its name.
Provided, that should the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned
parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the concerned Local
Government Unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 8. 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. 9. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitation to state universities and their officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the University and its officials, whenever appropriate.

SEC. 10. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 11. If, for any 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. 12. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,