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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2138



Introduced by HON. CHRISTOPHERSON "COCO" M. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A version of this bill was previously filed in the previous Congresses particularly 16th to 18th Congress which was eventually approved on Third Reading by the House of Representatives on August 11, 2020 and transmitted to the Senate on August 13, 2020.

The Municipality of Pintuyan, located at the southern tip of Panaon Island in Southern Leyte, is one of the geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA) in the Eastern Visayas region where no existing schools caters to tertiary education.

The Pintuyan National Vocational High School, established under Republic Act No. 4466 in 1965, has long served the municipality by providing secondary-level vocational education. However, the evolving educational landscape and regional development goals call for a more robust, integrated, and higher-level institutional framework to meet the needs of the local population and surrounding communities.

This bill seeks to integrate the Pintuyan National Vocational High School into the Southern Leyte State University (SLSU) System, thereby creating the SLSU-Pintuyan Campus. As part of SLSU, the new campus will benefit from the academic standards, administrative systems, and institutional resources of the university. This will expand its capabilities to offer higher education and advanced technical-vocational programs aligned with national development priorities and labor market needs.

This representation joins the previous proponents of the similar bill in the belief that by integrating the existing national vocational high school to the SLSU System, it will eventually be easier for SLSU to come up with a tertiary degree program that will cater to the needs to the residents of Pintuyan once this bill becomes law.

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


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AN ACT
INTEGRATING THE PINTUYAN NATIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF PINTUYAN, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, INTO THE
SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY (SLSU) SYSTEM, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
SLSU-PINTUYAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "SLSU - Pintuyan Campus Act"

SEC. 2. *Integration Clause.* The Pintuyan National Vocational High School in the Municipality of Pintuyan, Province of Southern Leyte, is hereby integrated into the Southern Leyte State University (SLSU) System as a regular campus, to be known as the SLSU - Pintuyan Campus, hereinafter referred to as the Campus. It shall be under the direct supervision of the SLSU.

SEC. 3. *The Board.* The Board of Regents of SLSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall be authorized to determine the structure, composition, and size of the faculty and staff of the Campus.

SEC. 4. *Supervision and Administration.* The SLSU President shall have overall supervision and management of the Campus, which shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board.

SEC. 5. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.* All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the Pintuyan National Vocational High School located in the Municipality of Pintuyan, Province of Southern Leyte, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the SLSU System.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the Pintuyan National Vocational High School are hereby transferred to the SLSU System, and shall be titled under its name: Provided, that should the Campus or the SLSU System cease to exist or be abolished, or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert back to the local government units concerned.

The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to their integration into the SLSU System shall be respected.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall issue the implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, including the organizational structure and the creation of plantilla positions for the faculty and staff of the Campus, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* 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. 9. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the above provision of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,