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HOUSE BILL NO. 5038



Introduced by **ATTY. MARLO C. BANCORO**
First District, Zamboanga Sibugay

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates the State to promote quality education at all levels and take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) play a vital role in ensuring access to affordable and quality higher education across the country, especially in remote and underserved regions where SUC branches are located. The Zamboanga Peninsula Polytechnic State University (ZPPSU), as mandated by Republic Act No. 11187, has established a total of five (5) campuses to extend access to higher education across the region.

Currently, funds appropriated for ZPPSU's branches are released, through its main campus, following Department of Budget and Management (DBM) guidelines and provisions of the General Appropriations Act (GAA). This fund flow system often causes delays and bureaucratic hurdles, limiting the campuses' operational independence and their ability to promptly address the needs of their students, faculty, and stakeholders. At times, the allocation and release of funds are subject to the discretion of the ZPPSU Board, which may result in further delays or reductions.

This proposed measure seeks to amend Republic Act No. 11187, the Charter of ZPPSU, to institutionalize the specific allocation of funds to its campuses in the GAA and mandate the DBM to directly release appropriations to each campus. By allowing direct fund release to the campuses, this amendment will enable more efficient and responsive resource management tailored to the unique priorities of each campus. It will also ensure that funds are released in accordance with the implementation schedules of individual campuses, reducing bureaucratic red tape and enhancing fiscal autonomy at the branch level.

This amendment does not intend to modify nor diminish the overall governance structure, mandates or operations of ZPPSU as a whole. Instead, it focuses solely on securing the sufficiency and timely release of appropriations to its campuses, as appropriated under the General Appropriations Act, to strengthen their capacity to deliver quality education.

Ultimately, this measure aims to empower the campuses of ZPPSU to more effectively provide accessible, quality education in line with the University's mandate and the government's constitutional duty.

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



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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ALLOCATION AND DIRECT RELEASE OF
FUNDS TO SPECIFIC CAMPUSES OF THE ZAMBOANGA CITY STATE
POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE (ZPPSU), THEREBY AMENDING RA NO. 11187,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT CONVERTING THE ZAMBOANGA CITY
STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE
KNOWN AS THE ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA POLYTECHNIC STATE
UNIVERSITY,” AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. A new Section 8-A is hereby inserted after Section 8 of Republic Act No. 11187, to read as follows:

"SECTION 8-A. INSTITUTIONALIZED BUDGET ALLOCATION AND DIRECT FUND RELEASE TO CAMPUSES. – TO STRENGTHEN OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND INSTITUTIONAL AUTONOMY, THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA) SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE SEPARATE AND SPECIFIC ALLOCATION OF BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DULY RECOGNIZED CAMPUSES OF THE ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY (ZPPSU), NAMELY THE VITALI GREGORIO CAMPUS, KABASALAN KATRINA BALLADARES CAMPUS, SIAY TIMUAY TUBOD M. MANDI CAMPUS, MALANGAS ANA M. BACQUIAL CAMPUS, AND BAYOG CAMPUS.

THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) SHALL ENSURE THE DIRECT RELEASE OF SAID FUNDS TO THE CONCERNED CAMPUSES, SUBJECT TO EXISTING BUDGETING, ACCOUNTING, AND AUDITING LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.

EACH CAMPUS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO MANAGE AND UTILIZE ITS ALLOCATED BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS APPROVED PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND PROJECTS UNDER THE

GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

THE UNIVERSITY SHALL ADOPT INTERNAL POLICIES AND MECHANISMS THAT MINIMIZE DELAYS, PREVENT ARBITRARY REDUCTIONS IN FUND RELEASES, AND ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSES THAT IMPEDE THE CAMPUSES' ACADEMIC AND OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE.

THE CAMPUSES MENTIONED SHALL SUBMIT TO THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS THEIR RESPECTIVE ANNUAL PLANS AND BUDGETS, PERFORMANCE REPORTS AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTIONAL REPORTING."

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SEC. 2. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Zamboanga Peninsula Polytechnic State University (ZPPSU) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. ***Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. ***Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,