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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5458



Introduced by: Hon. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LOPEZ SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE LAGUNA STATE
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY (LSPU) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LOPEZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Towards this end, this bill seeks to recognize the Laguna State Polytechnic University-Lopez Satellite Campus as one of the satellite campuses of the LSPU.

The Municipality of Lopez in the Province of Quezon is a 1st class municipality with a population of 96,006 people as of 2024 census.

It is located in the southern part of the province, 220 kilometers (140 mi) from Manila, 83 kilometers (52 mi) east from Lucena, 25 kilometers (16 mi) to Camarines Norte, and 3 nautical kilometers to Alabat Island.

Lopez is one of the largest municipalities in the province and has a total land area of 395.1 square kilometers representing 4.53% of the total land area of the province of Quezon. It is dubbed as the educational center of Southern Quezon. Several educational institutions operate in the town serving not only its citizens but also those coming from the Bondoc Peninsula and the Bicol Region.

On March 22, 2007, the Laguna State Polytechnic College was converted into Laguna State Polytechnic University through Republic Act No. 9402.

Its general mandate provides that "The University shall primarily provide advanced education, professional, technological and vocational instruction in

agriculture, fisheries, forestry, science, engineering, industrial technologies, teacher education, medicine, law, arts and sciences, information technology and other related fields. It shall also undertake research and extension services, and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.”

The LSPU’s campus is located in Santa Cruz, Laguna and has campuses in Siniloan, San Pablo City, and Los Banos. It has two satellite campuses in Nagcarlan, Laguna, and in Lopez, Quezon.

The contribution of LSPU as an institute of higher learning is pivotal to the overall development of the Province of Quezon – not only in providing quality and accessible education, but also in producing reliable graduates.

Hence, it is important to upgrade the status of LSPU-Lopez Satellite Campus into a regular campus, which will pave the way for the expansion of its capacity to provide quality, accessible, and affordable education and increase the resources available to ensure its efficient operations.

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


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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "*Laguna State Polytechnic University (LSPU)-Lopez Campus Act*".

SEC. 2. The LSPU-Lopez Satellite Campus located in the Municipality of Lopez, Province of Quezon is hereby converted into a regular campus of the LSPU, to be known as the LSPU-Lopez Campus.

SEC. 3. The LSPU-Lopez Campus shall offer short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Quezon Region IV-A.

The LSPU-Lopez Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services in support of the socio-economic development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 4. The LSPU-Lopez Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the qualification standards prescribed by the Board, and based on the recommendation of a Search Committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.

SEC. 5. The LSPU shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the LSPU-Lopez

Campus, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.

SEC. 6. All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the LSPU-Lopez Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the LSPU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the LSPU-Lopez Campus are hereby transferred to the LSPU: *Provided*, That should the campus or the LSPU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the LSPU, the same shall revert to the Municipality of Lopez, or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

SEC. 8. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The Municipality of Lopez shall provide financial assistance to the LSPU Campus that is to be converted into regular campus until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the LSPU-Lopez Campus shall be included in the annual GAA.

SEC. 9. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to implement its provisions.

SEC. 10. 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. 11. All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,