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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to make such education accessible to all. Republic Act No. 10931, otherwise known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act," further strengthens this commitment by ensuring equitable access to quality tertiary education in state universities and colleges.

The Municipality of Morong, located in the Third Legislative District of Bataan, is strategically positioned along the western growth corridor of the province and in close proximity to the Subic Bay Freeport Zone. As Morong continues to develop as a tourism, environmental, and emerging economic hub, there is a growing demand for accessible, industry-responsive, and future-ready tertiary education.

At present, students from Morong and neighboring communities must travel to other municipalities to access state university education. Establishing a regular campus of the Bataan Peninsula State University (BPSU) in Morong will decentralize access to quality higher education and strengthen human capital development in the western corridor of Bataan.

Consistent with the recommendations of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II), this measure ensures that the proposed campus is aligned with labor market intelligence, industry partnerships, digital learning infrastructure, and performance accountability mechanisms. This is not expansion for expansion's sake, but a strategic, data-driven educational investment.

The success of the BPSU–Bagac Campus under Republic Act No. 11969 demonstrates the viability of strengthening BPSU's presence in growth municipalities of Bataan.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE
BATAAN PENINSULA STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MORONG, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, TO BE
KNOWN AS THE BATAAN PENINSULA STATE UNIVERSITY-
MORONG CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** This act shall be known as the "*Bataan Peninsula*
2 *State University-Morong Campus Act.*"

3 **SEC. 2. Establishment of the BPSU–Morong Campus.** There is hereby
4 established a regular campus of the Bataan Peninsula State University (BPSU), in
5 the Municipality of Morong, Province of Bataan, to be known as the Bataan
6 Peninsula State University (BPSU)-Morong Campus.

7 **SEC. 3. General Mandate.** The BPSU-Morong Campus shall primarily
8 provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate programs
9 within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the
10 BPSU, and according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred
11 to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resource
12 development needs of the Province of Bataan and Region III.

13 The Campus shall likewise undertake research and extension services and
14 provide progressive leadership in fields relevant to the socio-economic,
15 environmental, and technological development of Morong and neighboring
16 municipalities.

1 **SEC 4. Strategic Academic and Industry Alignment.** Consistent with
2 national higher education reform initiatives, the BPSU–Morong Campus shall:

3 (a) Align its program offerings with regional development plans, labor
4 market intelligence data, and industry demand in coordination with CHED,
5 TESDA, DOLE, and relevant stakeholders;

6 (b) Institutionalize industry partnerships, work-based learning, internship
7 and apprenticeship programs, cooperative education models, and
8 entrepreneurship support mechanisms;

9 (c) Integrate digital infrastructure, hybrid and flexible learning modalities,
10 and modern educational technologies to ensure accessibility, resilience, and
11 instructional quality;

12 (d) Implement faculty development and research strengthening programs
13 consistent with national standards and responsive to emerging industry and
14 community needs.

15 **SEC. 5. Supervision and Management.** The BPSU–Morong Campus shall
16 be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall
17 be appointed or designated by the Board, subject to qualifications and standards
18 set by the Board and upon the recommendation of a duly constituted search
19 committee.

20 **SEC. 6. Compliance with CHED Requirements.** The BPSU shall ensure
21 that the BPSU–Morong Campus complies with all policies, standards, and
22 guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of
23 regular campuses, including those related to course offerings and instructional
24 programs.

25 **SEC. 7. Management of Personnel, Assets, Records, and Land Use.** All
26 assets, real and personal, personnel, records, and liabilities of the BPSU–Morong
27 Campus shall be titled under or named after the BPSU.

28 All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the
29 BPSU–Morong Campus shall either:

30 (a) be transferred and titled in the name of the BPSU; or

31 (b) be made available to the BPSU through a usufruct agreement or similar
32 legal instrument executed by the Provincial Government of Bataan or the
33 concerned local government unit, for the exclusive use of the BPSU–
34 Morong Campus, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations.

1 Provided, That should the campus cease to exist or be abolished, or
2 should such land no longer be needed for educational purposes, ownership
3 or usufruct rights, as the case may be, shall revert to the Provincial
4 Government of Bataan, the concerned local government unit, or the Republic
5 of the Philippines.

6 **SEC. 8. Suppletory Application.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
7 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997," and Republic
8 Act No. 9403, creating the Bataan Peninsula State University, shall form part of this
9 Act.

10 **SEC. 9. Appropriations.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions
11 of this Act, including those required for the initial establishment and
12 operationalization of the Campus and the funding of plantilla positions for teaching
13 and non-teaching personnel, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
14 Act (GAA).

15 The Municipality of Morong and the Province of Bataan may provide financial,
16 logistical, or infrastructure support during the initial phase of the Campus'
17 establishment until such time that full funding requirements are included in the GAA.

18 **SEC. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** Within sixty (60) days from
19 the effectivity of this Act, the Board, in consultation with CHED, shall issue the rules
20 and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

21 **SEC. 11. Performance Review.** Within three (3) years from the
22 commencement of operations, the BPSU–Morong Campus shall submit to CHED
23 and Congress a development and performance report covering enrollment trends,
24 academic program offerings, employability indicators, research outputs, and
25 financial sustainability.

26 **SEC. 12. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is declared invalid
27 or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

28 **SEC. 13. Repealing Clause.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
29 rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed
30 or modified accordingly.

31 **SEC. 14. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
32 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.