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House Bill No. 8061



Introduced by Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State, following the national policy enshrined in the 1987 Constitution, shall promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.¹

In the 2026 General Appropriations Act², education received the highest budget. A significant portion of this allocation was directed toward State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), reflecting the government's push for educational reform—particularly in higher education, a pillar of nation-building. Education develops the skills necessary for industries that drive economic growth. Furthermore, it promotes civic participation by making citizens more aware of their rights and the rule of law, thereby supporting a more stable and accountable democracy.

Historically, access has been a primary challenge in the Philippine education system; quality education is one thing, but accessibility is another. Many Filipinos are hindered from fully benefiting from education due to financial constraints, geographical distance, and transportation issues. This access must be strengthened to fully realize the impact of education on national development. In a speech delivered in Laoag City on January 23, 2026, Representative Alexander Ferdinand Marcos, on behalf of the President, stated: *"Education is a right that must reach every Filipino, no matter how far, how poor, how marginalized, or how difficult. When we speak of inclusive education, we speak in measurable, concrete, and sustained commitments to bring opportunities and hope closer to our learners and every family."*³

Access to education has long been provided in the Province of Quezon through the Southern Luzon State University (SLSU). The institution has facilitated access to quality tertiary education throughout the province, particularly in the northern section—an area characterized by vast land areas and complex geography,

¹ Const. (1987), art. XIV, § 1 (Phil.).

² General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2026, Republic Act No. 12314 (Jan. 5, 2026) (Phil.).

³ President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., Speech at the Launching of PBBM-Gabay ng Bayan Programs (delivered by Rep. Alexander Ferdinand "Sandro" Marcos) (Jan. 23, 2026), <https://pbbm.com.ph/speeches/speech-of-president-ferdinand-r-marcos-jr-at-the-launching-of-pbbm-gabay-ng-bayan-programs-delivered-by-house-majority-leader-and-ilocos-norte-1st-district-representative-sandro-marcos-on-behalf-of/>.

ranging from mountainous terrains to isolated coastal communities. SLSU and its extension campuses cater to students from the REINA municipalities (Real, Infanta, and General Nakar), the Polillo Group of Islands (POGI), and the City of Tayabas.

The extension campuses located in Infanta, Polillo, and the City of Tayabas have been instrumental in providing students from geographically disadvantaged and isolated areas the opportunity to pursue higher education. However, due to limited resources and a steadily increasing enrollment rate, the conversion of these extension campuses into regular campuses is necessary to:

1. **Ensure** sustainable funding and infrastructure development;
2. **Expand** academic programs to be more responsive to local, regional, and national development needs;
3. **Strengthen** research, extension, and community service initiatives; and
4. **Provide** equitable opportunities for students and stakeholders in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.

Considering the foregoing, and in alignment with the State's policy to enhance education and accessibility, this Representation earnestly seeks the immediate passage of this measure.



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AN ACT

**CONVERTING THE SOUTHERN LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY INFANTA, POLILIO
AND TAYABAS EXTENSION CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES
OF INFANTA, POLILIO AND CITY OF TAYABAS, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE
PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO REGULAR CAMPUSES 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 Southern Luzon State
University (SLSU) – Infanta, Polilio and Tayabas Campuses Act.

Section 2. Conversion into a Regular Campus. – The SLSU-Infanta Extension
Campus located in the Municipality of Infanta, SLSU-Polilio Extension Campus
located in the Municipality of Polilio and SLSU-Tayabas located in the City of
Tayabas are converted into regular campuses of the SLSU. They shall be known
respectively as the SLSU-Infanta Campus, SLSU-Polilio Campus and SLSU-
Tayabas Campus.

Section 3. General Mandate. - The campuses created under the preceding section
shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses within their areas of competency
and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the SLSU, and according to their
capabilities as the Board of Regents (BoR), may deem necessary for the
accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource
development needs of the Province of Quezon.

Section 4. Supervision and Management. – The regular campuses shall each be
headed by a Campus Director, to be appointed by the BoR, subject to its guidelines,
qualifications, and standards, and upon the recommendation of a Search Committee
duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Director.

**Section 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher
Education (CHED).** - The SLSU shall ensure the compliance of the SLSU-Infanta,
SLSU-Polilio and SLSU-Tayabas Campus with the policies, standards, and
guidelines of the CHED for the operation of a regular campus, including those
related to the offering of courses and the introduction of new or revised programs
prior to the conversion.

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40 **Section 6. Management of Personnel, Assets and Records.** - All assets, both real
41 and personal, personnel, and records of the SLSU-Infanta, SLSU-Polilio and SLSU-
42 Tayabas Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the
43 SLSU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and
44 personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into regular
45 campus shall be respected.

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47 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the SLSU-Infanta,
48 SLSU-Polilio and SLSU-Tayabas Campus shall be transferred to the SLSU:
49 Provided, That should the said campuses or the SLSU cease to exist or be abolished
50 or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the SLSU,
51 the same shall revert to the concerned local government units concerned or the
52 Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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54 **Section 7. Supplementary Application.** - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
55 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form
56 part of this Act.

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58 **Section 8. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
59 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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61 **Section 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within sixty (60) days from the
62 effectivity of this Act, the BoR shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and
63 regulations to implement its provisions.

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65 **Section 10. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any part or provisions of this
66 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not
67 affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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69 **Section 11. Repealing Clause.** - All other laws, presidential decrees, executive
70 orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
71 are repealed or modified accordingly.

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73 **Section 12. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
74 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,