

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **9858**



Introduced by Representative LEILA M. DE LIMA

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES–
CAVITE CAMPUS AS A REGULAR CAMPUS IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS,
PROVINCE OF CAVITE, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE TECHNOLOGICAL
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES–CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

State universities and colleges (SUCs) serve as vital institutions in advancing equitable access to quality higher education and in developing the country's human capital. They are instrumental in reducing educational disparities and promoting inclusive growth through the delivery of instruction, research and development, extension services, and technology-driven programs responsive to the needs of society.¹

Human capital development remains a fundamental pillar of sustainable economic growth and national competitiveness. As the Philippines strives toward greater economic progress and adaptation to an increasingly knowledge-driven and technology-oriented global landscape, the need for a highly skilled, innovative, and productive workforce becomes even more imperative. Knowledge and technological advancement are key drivers of economic transformation, making investments in higher education essential for long-term national development.²

The Technological University of the Philippines–Cavite Campus has played an important role in providing quality technological education and skills development

¹ Flores, H. (June 2025). Strengthening the Financing of State Universities and Colleges: Challenges and Opportunities. Retrieved from: https://edcom2.gov.ph/media/2025/09/11_FLORES-Strengthening-the-Financing-of-State-Universities-and-Colleges-Challenges-and-Opportunities.pdf

² *Id.*

opportunities to students from the Province of Cavite and neighboring areas. Through its academic offerings and technical training programs, the institution has contributed significantly to the development of competent graduates equipped to meet the demands of industry and the labor market.

However, with the increasing demand for accessible higher education and the growing need for professionals in engineering, industrial technology, applied sciences, and related fields, there is a compelling necessity to strengthen the institutional capacity and autonomy of the campus. Converting the Technological University of the Philippines–Cavite Campus into a regular campus of the Technological University of the Philippines, to be known as the Technological University of the Philippines–Cavite (TUP-Cavite), will enhance its capability to broaden academic offerings, improve institutional governance, expand research initiatives, and upgrade facilities and support services for students and faculty.

This measure will likewise contribute significantly to the socio-economic development of Cavite and surrounding areas by improving access to quality technological education, promoting innovation and research, and producing a workforce capable of supporting industrial growth and national progress.

Early approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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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 “Technological
2 University of the Philippines-Cavite (TUP-Cavite) Act of 2026.”
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4 SEC. 2. *Creation of TUP-Cavite.* - The existing TUP Cavite Campus of the
5 Technological University of the Philippines (TUP), located in the City of Dasmariñas,
6 Province of Cavite, is hereby converted into a regular campus of the TUP, to be known
7 as the TUP-Cavite.
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9 SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* - The TUP-Cavite shall provide higher and advanced
10 vocational, technical, industrial, technological, and professional education and training
11 in the industries and technology, and practical arts leading to certificates, diplomas,
12 and degrees. It shall provide progressive leadership in applied research and
13 developmental studies in technical, industrial, and technological fields, as well in the
14 production of goods and services that make use of indigenous materials. It shall
15 likewise provide a key role in effecting technology transfer in the countryside, and in
16 the development of small and medium-scale industries in identified growth centers.
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18 SEC. 4. *Campus Administration at the TUP-Cavite.* - The University President
19 of the Technological University of the Philippines shall hold overall supervision and

management of TUP-Cavite. The campus shall be led by a Campus Director, who shall be appointed or designated by the TUP Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," upon recommendation of the University President, subject to the qualifications, standards, and guidelines established by the Board.

The TUP-Cavite Campus Director shall have such functions, powers, and duties as may be assigned or delegated by the Board, including but not limited to the exercise of general administrative supervision and control over all academic and non-academic operations of the Campus, such as instruction, research, extension, personnel administration, resource generation, and financial operations.

SEC. 5. *Personnel and Staffing Pattern.* – The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in consultation with the Technological University of the Philippines, shall, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations, determine and approve the appropriate staffing pattern, organizational structure, and personnel complement necessary for the effective operation of the TUP - Cavite.

SEC. 6. *Compliance with CHED and other Governing Agencies.* – The conversion of TUP-Cavite into a regular campus shall ensure compliance with the minimum prerequisites for its academic programs and overall operations, in accordance with the regulations and standards set forth by the Commission on Higher Education and other regulatory agencies.

SEC. 7. *Transfer of Assets, Personnel, and Records.* – All personnel, assets, whether real or personal, and records of the TUP-Cavite Campus, as well as its liabilities and obligations, shall be transferred to, and absorbed by the newly converted TUP-Cavite. The plantilla items, rights, and security of tenure of existing faculty members and administrative personnel of the TUP-Cavite Campus shall be respected.

All parcels of land and structures thereon that are owned by the government and occupied by the TUP-Cavite Campus shall be transferred to TUP-Cavite accordingly. *Provided*, that in the event the TUP-Cavite Campus or the TUP itself ceases to exist, is abolished, or if such parcels of land are no longer required by the TUP, they shall revert to the Republic of the Philippines.

SEC. 8. *Land and Campus Facilities.* – All parcels of land, buildings, and campus facilities presently owned, occupied, and/or in the possession of the TUP-Cavite Campus shall continue to be used exclusively for the operation and development of the TUP-Cavite Campus.

The TUP-Cavite Campus may acquire additional parcels of land, buildings, and facilities through donation, purchase, expropriation, or other lawful means, subject to existing laws.

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65 SEC. 9. *Funding and Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the
66 provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the TUP.

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68 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and
69 development of the TUP-Cavite Campus shall be included in the annual General
70 Appropriations Act (GAA).

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72 SEC. 10. *Suppletory Application.* - The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
73 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part
74 of this Act.

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76 SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any section or provision of this Act is declared
77 invalid or unconstitutional, the sections or provisions not affected thereby shall
78 continue to be in full force and effect.

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80 SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees,
81 presidential proclamations, letters of instruction, rules and regulations, or parts thereof
82 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended
83 accordingly.

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85 SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
86 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the
87 Philippines.

Approved,