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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
MINDANAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIGCAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF
COTABATO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
MINDANAO-PIGCAWAYAN 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 "*University of Southern*
2 *Mindanao-Pigcawayan Campus Act*".
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4 **SEC. 2. Establishment.** – There is hereby established a regular campus of the
5 University of Southern Mindanao (USM), to be located in the Municipality of
6 Pigcawayan, Province of Cotabato, which shall be known as the "University of
7 Southern Mindanao-Pigcawayan Campus".
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9 **SEC. 3. General Mandate.** – The USM-Pigcawayan Campus shall primarily
10 provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses
11 within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the
12 USM, and according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred
13 to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resource
14 development needs of the Province of Cotabato and the South Cotabato, Cotabato,
15 Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, and General Santos City (SOCCSKSARGEN) Region.
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17 It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, in support of
18 the socio-economic development of the Province of Cotabato and the
19 SOCCSKSARGEN Region and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.
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21 **SEC. 4. Supervision and Management.** – The USM-Pigcawayan Campus
22 shall be headed by a full-time Campus Director, to be appointed by the Board,

1 subject to its guidelines on qualification standards, and upon the recommendation
2 of a Search Committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus
3 Director.
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5 **SEC. 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher**
6 **Education (CHED).** – The USM shall ensure the compliance of the USM-
7 Pigcawayan Campus with the policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED for
8 the operation of the Campus, including those related to the offering of courses and
9 the introduction of new or revised courses and programs prior to its establishment.
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11 **SEC. 6. Management of Assets, Liabilities, Personnel, and Records of the**
12 **Campus.** – All appropriations, assets, both real and personal, personnel, and
13 records of the USM-Pigcawayan Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations,
14 shall be titled under or named after the USM.
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16 All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the
17 USM-Pigcawayan Campus shall be the property of the USM and titled under its
18 name: *Provided*, That should the said campus cease to exist or be abolished or
19 should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the USM, the
20 same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the
21 Philippines, as the case may be.
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23 **SEC. 7. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
24 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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26 **SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days from
27 the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules
28 and regulations to implement its provisions.
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30 **SEC. 9. Suppletory Application.** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
31 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form
32 part of this Act.
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34 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
35 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not
36 affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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38 **SEC. 11. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
39 rules and regulations, and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with the
40 provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.
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42 **SEC. 12. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
43 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,