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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that “[t]he 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.” Corollarily, Republic Act No. 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act was passed in 2017. It declared that *quality education* is an *inalienable right of all Filipinos*.

Hence, the State shall protect and promote quality education to all Filipinos. Furthermore, Section 11 of Presidential Decree No. 1341 or the Charter Creating the Polytechnic University of the Philippines provides that “[i]t shall be the concern of the University to **disperse** its programs in the **countryside** through a system of **regional branches**.”

To fulfill and effectively deliver the foregoing mandate and the State’s promise of accessible, quality education to all Filipinos, this bill seeks the establishment of Polytechnic University of the Philippines – Leyte Campus in the Province of Leyte – to be known as PUP–Leyte Campus. Through this bill, PUP–Leyte Campus will primarily offer higher professional and technical instructions and training to countryside students in the fields of agriculture, arts and sciences, education, business and commerce, applied sciences, social sciences, and other degree courses.

The operation of the PUP–Leyte Campus shall be funded by the National Government’s General Appropriation Act (GAA).

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
– LEYTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEYTE, PROVINCE OF LEYTE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “PUP-Leyte Campus Act”.

2 **SECTION 2.** There is hereby established a branch of the Polytechnic
3 University of the Philippines in the Municipality of Leyte, Province of Leyte, to be
4 known as the PUP-Leyte Campus.

5 **SECTION 3.** The PUP shall admit students to its Leyte Campus who may
6 avail of graduate, undergraduate and short-term technical-vocational courses
7 within the University’s areas of specialization, and according to its capabilities as
8 the Board of Regents may deem necessary, carry out its objectives, and respond
9 to the tertiary educational needs of the Province of Leyte.

10 The PUP is also mandated to undertake research and extension services
11 in the Leyte Campus, and provide progressive leadership in these areas, including
12 its offering of graduate and post-graduate degrees under the PUP Open University
13 System.

14 **SECTION 4.** The PUP-Leyte Campus shall be headed by a Campus
15 Administrator who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed or
16 designated by the Board of Regents (BOR) upon the recommendation of the
17 search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and
18 standards set by the BOR.

19 **SECTION 5.** The establishment of the PUP-Leyte Campus shall ensure that
20 the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been
21 complied with as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

22 **SECTION 6.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as
23 the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form as an integral part of
24 this Act and shall serve as part of the governing charter of the PUP-Leyte Campus.

1 **SECTION 7.** All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and
2 limitations to state universities and/or its officials under existing laws shall be
3 deemed granted to or imposed upon the University and/or its officials whenever
4 appropriate.

5 **SECTION 8.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
6 shall be included in the appropriations of the Polytechnic University of the
7 Philippines under the annual General Appropriations Act.

8 **SECTION 9.** If for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared
9 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby
10 shall remain in full force and effect.

11 **SECTION 10.** All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
12 memoranda, rules and regulations contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of
13 this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

14 **SECTION 11.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
15 in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

16 *Approved.*