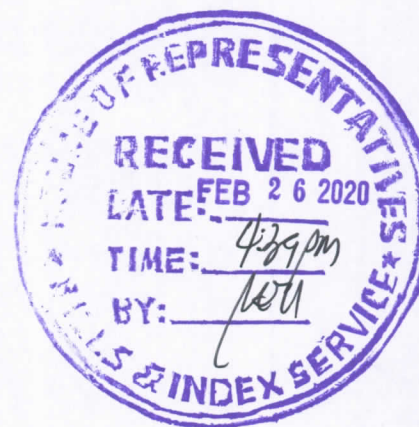




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House Bill No. 6403

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE AURELIO D. GONZALES, JR.**

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE MEXICO EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE DON HONORIO
VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVSU) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU) Mexico Extension Campus into a Satellite Campus, in line with the government's mandate to provide accessible and affordable college education to all. This bill is complementary to House Bill No. 4421 filed this 18th Congress, which seeks to convert the DHVSU extension campuses of Sto. Tomas, Porac, Lubao, Candaba and Apalit into satellite campuses. House Bill No. 4421 was referred and approved by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education on November 11, 2019.

State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), such as DHVSU, remain as the institutions of choice of poor but deserving students because of free tuition, proximity to their homes, and the high quality of program offerings. As public institutions charged with responding to the education and development needs of their respective provinces, upgrading the SUCs' capability to continuously deliver quality education is an absolute imperative.

The conversion of the DHVSU Mexico Extension Unit into a Satellite Campus will guarantee appropriate budgetary support from the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). This will enable the satellite campus to acquire their own infrastructure, laboratory equipment and other vital facilities, and improve the quality of instruction through the hiring of highly qualified faculty, thereby heightening their significance and responsiveness.

At the macro level, the satellite campus will be a chief factor in building human capital to spur creativity and productivity, generating new knowledge, engendering innovations for human development, and driving economic growth and global competitiveness.

At the micro level, said satellite campus will help enhance the career and life choices and opportunities of individuals, produce persons with praiseworthy values, and be the springboards of graduates with the competency to fully engage in the world of work, and live meaningfully in today's complex world.

Most importantly, the conversion of an extension campus into a satellite campus will contribute constructively to the government's fundamental strategy to fight poverty and foster national competitiveness by accomplishing the mission of lifting economically and socially-marginalized Filipinos out of indigence.



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Section 1. *The Don Honorio Ventura State University Mexico Satellite Campus.* – The extension campus of the Don Honorio Ventura State University (University) in the Municipality of Mexico is hereby converted into a satellite campus, and to be known as DHVSU - Mexico Campus.

Section 2. *General Mandate.* – The University shall admit students in its satellite campus who may avail of graduate, undergraduate, and short-term technical-vocational courses within the University's areas of specialization and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents (Board) may deem necessary to carry out the University's objectives, particularly to respond to the needs of the Province of Pampanga and the entire Region III: *Provided*, That no degree program shall be offered without the approval of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) before the same shall be approved by the Board.

The University is also mandated to undertake research, extension, and production services in the satellite campus in support of the socioeconomic development of the Province of Pampanga and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

Section 3. *Administration of Satellite Campus.* – The University President shall have overall supervision and management of the DHVSU - Mexico Campus. The campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the University President.

Subject to the usual government accounting and budgeting rules and regulations, the Campus Director of the DHVSU - Mexico Campus is hereby authorized to cause the

construction or repair of the campus buildings, machinery, equipment and other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property for the satellite campus, including necessary supplies, materials and equipment.

Section 4. Compliance with CHED Requirements. – The establishment of the DHVSU - Mexico Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied with as duly prescribed by the CHED.

Section 5. Development Plan, Infrastructure Development Plan, Management Audit, and Organization/Administrative/Academic Structure. – Within a period of sixty (60) days after the approval of this Act, the DHVSU - Mexico Campus shall accomplish the following:

- (a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program budget to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
- (b) Submit an infrastructure development plan including a corresponding site development plan to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the DBM;
- (c) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and
- (d) Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative, financial as well as academic structure, including the appointment/designation of the key campus officials.

Section 6. Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment, Supplies, and Vehicles. – The heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government, and the heads of local government units are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the University President, such apparatus, equipment, supplies and vehicles as may be needed by the University when, in the judgment of the heads, such apparatus, equipment, supplies and vehicles can be spared without serious detriment to public service.

Section 7. Land and Other Real Properties. – All parcels of land belonging to the government and occupied by DHVSU - Mexico Campus is hereby declared to be the property of the University, and shall be titled under that name: *Provided*, That should the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such parcels of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the concerned local government units.

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

Section 9. Suppletory Application. – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997," and Republic Act Nos. 9832 and 11169 shall form as integral part of this Act.

Section 10. Parity Clause. – All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state colleges and universities and/or its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the satellite campus and/or its officials, whenever appropriate.

Section 11. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,