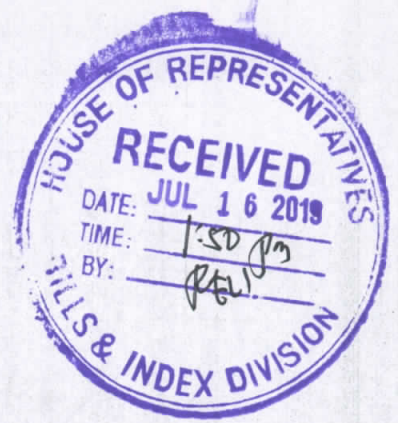


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a very important key for the success and development of our country. According to the 1987 Constitution, the 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. The State shall also maintain and support a complete, adequate and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

The modernization of the Bulacan State University through an enabling legislation is a timely response to the ever-growing complexities of the modern times. The modernization program will help maintain and achieve high quality education and competent training ground that is responsive to the need of our society. The modernization program will also provide well-equipped facilities that will be used by the students of BSU for research and learning.

This Bill is crucial for the development of education in the Province of Bulacan. It aims to provide young individuals to develop and improve their skillset through high quality yet affordable education for all. The modernization program will prepare the young generation to achieve their personal goals and train them to become globally competitive.

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as “Bulacan State University System Modernization Act”.

SECTION 2. Conversion. – The Bulacan State University in the Province of Bulacan including its five (5) campuses namely: the Main campus located in the City of Malolos, Bustos Campus in the Municipality of Bustos, Sarmiento Campus in the City of San Jose Del Monte, the Meneses Campus in the Municipality of Bulakan and Hagonoy Campus in the Municipality of Hagonoy is hereby converted into a University State System, to be known as Bulacan State University System.

SECTION 3. Declaration of Policy. – The State shall likewise establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. As such, the State embraces the role of modernization programs, laboratory facilities, Faculty and Non-Academic Personnel, review centers, Graduate School and specialized diploma short course programs in law, and international programs in developing Bulacan State University System as a modern, responsive, efficient, and compact with the capability to engage in conventional and/or unconventional techniques, methodology and strategies in teaching, thereby producing high quality education.

SECTION 4. Modernization Programs. – Bulacan State University System entails the development and employment of all available capabilities that can address its areas which were assessed of the needed modernization improvements: Provided, that the acquisition of equipment and material of such types and quantities shall be in accordance with the required development of capabilities of Bulacan State University System pursuant to its modernization objectives.

SECTION 5. Improvement of Laboratory Facilities. – A well-equipped and modernized laboratory facilities shall be established at Bulacan State University System who can acquire and upgrade an appropriate technology and equipment for an improved laboratory facilities with reference to the specific needs of each and every college of Bulacan State University System. Provided, that the acquisition of new equipment and materials for better laboratory facilities, shall be synchronized with the phase-out of uneconomical and obsolete equipment and materials systems on the basis of the inventory.

SECTION 6. Faculty and Non-Academic Training, Development and Improved Benefits. – The development of self-reliant and credible strategic faculty and non-academic personnel along the concept of reconfiguration of the faculty and non-academic personnel benefits structure of

Bulacan State University shall be ensured through the undertaking of reforms in their recruitment, training, employment and management.

SECTION 7. *Integration of International Programs.* – Bulacan State University System shall continue to improve its international linkages to its foreign counterparts and integrate international programs to its education system.

SECTION 8. *Establishment of Review Centers.* – For courses offered which require a state board or bar examinations, Bulacan State University may establish a review center to bring the necessary board/bar examination preparations and marked with excellence and convenience.

SECTION 9. *Establishment of Graduate School and Diploma Specialized Short-Course in Law.* – To cater the educational needs of lawyers who shall take further post-graduate studies in law such as Master in Law and Doctor of Civil Law, including students who shall pursue specialized short-course in Law, Bulacan State University System, upon the prior approval of the Legal Education Board (LEB) may establish a Graduate School in Law and a diploma specialized short-course in law which shall be attached in its College of Law.

SECTION 10. *Integration of Existing PPAs.* – The implementation of existing computerization and internet connectivity programs of the Free Wi-Fi Internet Access in Public Places project of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and other relevant programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) shall be integrated in charged against the individual appropriations of the member agencies under the annual the Public School and SUC Modernization Plan.

SECTION 11. *Appropriations.* – The funds necessary to implement this Act shall be the General Appropriations Act and shall be sourced from the following:

- a) For the modernization program, from the funds allocated to the Free Wi-Fi Internet Access in Public Places project of DICT. The appropriations for the implementation of this Act shall be indicated as a separate line-item under the annual budget of the DICT.
- b) For the review and diploma program center and graduate school in law, from the tuition fees paid by enrolled students and lawyers.

SECTION 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The members of the Committee shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 13. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 14. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,