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H. B. No. 4421

Introduced by Representative AURELIO "DONG" D. GONZALES, JR.

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUSES OF THE DON HONORIO
VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY INTO SATELLITE CAMPUSES IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF STO. TOMAS, PORAC, LUBAO, CANDABA, AND
APALIT, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The establishment of extension/satellite campuses in various districts of the Province of Pampanga is one of the commitments of the Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU) as prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and required by the Senate Committee on Education, Culture and Arts during the deliberations for the conversion of the college into a state university.

Satellite campuses are often established by universities to serve the educational needs of a more distant community. They provide higher educational opportunities for students who would otherwise not have access to tertiary education.

DHVSU fully supports the national government's commitment that puts education as the central strategy for investing in the Filipino people, reducing poverty and building national competitiveness.

To ensure that quality higher education is accessible to all who seek it, particularly those who may not be able to afford it, DHVSU has established extension campuses in the Municipalities of Sto. Tomas, Porac, and Lubao.

Each Local Government Units in the said municipalities provide the amount of Three Million Pesos (Php 3,000,000.00) by way of continuing appropriation in its annual budget and grants this to DHVSU, to cover personnel service payments and expenses relating to the operation of the Extension Campus such as for utilities, renovation and improvement of facilities, and other related expenditures. They likewise provide the requisite funding for the construction of academic buildings and support facilities; for the development of the site including its road network, perimeter fence and utilities; for instructional and laboratory facilities of various course offerings and for expenditures for needed equipment, tools, supplies, materials, books, furniture and fixtures.

On August 29, 2019, the DHVSU signed Memorandum of Agreements with the Municipalities of Apalit and Candaba for the establishment of extension campuses in the said localities.

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.

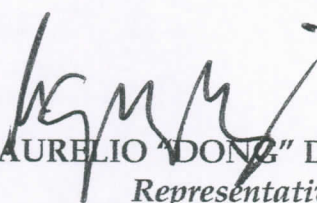
The conversion of the DHVSU extension units into satellite campuses will guarantee appropriate budgetary support from the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). This will enable the satellite campuses to acquire their own infrastructure, laboratory equipment and other vital facilities, and improve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

At the macro level, every 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, these campuses 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, these satellite campuses 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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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 "Don Honorio Ventura State
2 **University Satellite Campuses Act."**

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4 **Section 2. *The Don Honorio Ventura State University Satellite Campuses.*** - The
5 extension campuses of the Don Honorio Ventura State University (University) in the
6 Municipalities of Sto. Tomas, Porac, Lubao, Candaba, and Aplit, respectively, all located
7 in the Province of Pampanga, are hereby converted into satellite campuses, and to be
8 known as follows: DHVSU - Sto. Tomas Campus; DHVSU - Porac Campus; DHVSU -
9 Lubao Campus; DHVSU - Candaba Campus; and DHVSU - Apalit Campus.

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11 **Section 3. *General Mandate.*** - The University shall admit students in its satellite
12 campuses who may avail of graduate, undergraduate, and short-term technical-
13 vocational courses within the University's areas of specialization and according to its
14 capabilities as the Board of Regents (Board) may deem necessary to carry out the
15 University's objectives, particularly to respond to the needs of the Province of Pampanga
16 and the entire Region III: *Provided, That* no degree program shall be offered without the
17 approval of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) before the same shall be

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approved by the Board

1 The University is also mandated to undertake research, extension, and production
2 services in the satellite campuses in support of the socioeconomic development of the
3 Province of Pampanga and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.
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5 **Section 4. *Administration of Satellite Campuses.*** - The University President shall have
6 overall supervision and management of the satellite campuses. Each satellite campus
7 shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall render full-time service and who shall
8 be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the University
9 President.
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11 Subject to the usual government accounting and budgeting rules and regulations, the
12 Campus Directors of each satellite campuses are hereby authorized to cause the
13 construction or repair of satellite campus buildings, machinery, equipment and other
14 facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property for the satellite campuses,
15 including necessary supplies, materials and equipment.
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17 **Section 5. *Compliance with CHED Requirements.*** - The establishment of the satellite
18 campuses shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and program
19 offerings have been complied with as duly prescribed by the CHED.
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21 **Section 6. *Development Plan, Infrastructure Development Plan, Management Audit, and***
22 ***Organization/Administrative/Academic Structure.*** - Within a period of sixty (60) days
23 after the approval of this Act, each satellite campus of the University shall accomplish the
24 following:
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- 26 (a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program
27 budget to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the Department of
28 Budget and Management (DBM);
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30 (b) Submit an infrastructure development plan including a corresponding site
31 development plan to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the DBM;
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33 (c) Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and
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(d) Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative, financial as well as academic structure, including the appointment/designation of the key campus officials.

Section 7. *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 8. *Land and Other Real Properties.* - All parcels of land belonging to the government and occupied by the satellite campuses are 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 9. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 10. *Supplementary 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 11. *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 campuses and/or its officials, whenever appropriate.

Section 12. *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.

1 **Section 13. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations
2 or other issuances or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this
3 Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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5 **Section 14. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
6 the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

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8 *Approved,*