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HOUSE BILL No. 6572



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MARICEL NATIVIDAD-NAGAÑO, MD

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure was approved in the 17th Congress by the House of Representatives on 3rd and final reading on May 20, 2019; subsequently transmitted and received by the Senate of the Philippines on May 21, 2019 as House Bill No. 9017.

This representation is pursing the passage of this bill into law in response to the needs and aspirations of our students from families who belong to the economically challenged level of society for accessible quality and responsive education.

By upgrading the status of PUP-Cabaio Branch, a higher number of students will be given the opportunity to acquire the requisite university education without the burden of incurring additional expenses that their families cannot afford.

It is my firm belief that the expansion and addition of courses currently being offered at the existing PUP-Cabiao Campus will give more meaning to the University's efforts to be a partner in nation-building, poverty alleviation.

Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

So therefore, as a matter of right, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABIAO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-CABIAO CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "PUP-Cabiao Campus Act"
- SEC. 2. There is hereby established a campus of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) in the Municipality of Cabiao, Province of Nueva Ecija, to be known as the PUP-Cabiao Campus.
- SEC. 3. The PUP shall admit students to its Cabiao Campus who may avail of short-term technical-vocational courses, undergraduate within its competency, areas of specialization, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Nueva Ecija and the Central Luzon Region.

The PUP is also mandated to undertake research and extension services in the Cabiao Campus, and to provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization, including the offering of graduate degrees under the PUP Open University System.

- SEC. 4. The PUP-Cabiao Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed or designated by the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board.
- SEC. 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC. 6. 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.
- SEC. 7. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.