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House of Representatives
Batasan Hills, Quezon City



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HOUSE BILL NO. 5052

Introduced by: Representative Florencio Gabriel G. Noel

**AN ACT INTEGRATING THE PINTUYAN NATIONAL VOCATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL INTO THE SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Southern Leyte which is located in the Eastern Visayas region is composed of one (1) city and eighteen (18) municipalities, and four (4) municipalities are situated in the Panaon Island. Panaon Island is in a remote area which is in great need of an educational institution that can cater tertiary education to its constituents. At present, there is no educational institution which provides tertiary education in Panaon Island out of the twelve (12) colleges and universities in Southern Leyte. The colleges and universities in Southern Leyte are demographically situated in the center of the province, thus, the cost of education increases considering that students need to travel, which in effect, adds financial burden to the students.

In line with the need to establish a tertiary education in the Panaon Island, this bill seeks to convert the Pintuyan National Vocational High School (PNVHS) into a college institution and to integrate it as one of the external campuses of Southern Leyte State University (SLSU), to be known as the SLSU – Pintuyan Campus.

Additionally, Section 2 of R.A. No. 10931 asserts the emergence of establishing a college, to wit:

“x x x Quality education is an alienable right of all Filipinos and it is the policy of the state to protect and promote the rights of all students to quality education at all levels. Therefore, the State shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.”

The act of integrating the PNVHS into the SLSU shall promote expansion of the University's services and facilities as well as encourage development of undergraduate and graduate courses to accommodate the growing number of students interested in taking up tertiary education. In return, this act shall benefit the whole province of Southern Leyte with more competent and capable employees, as well as improved economic status through better job and job opportunities.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. The Pintuyan National Vocational High School located in the Municipality of Pintuyan, Province of Southern Leyte is hereby integrated into the Southern Leyte State University (SLSU) system and shall be known as the SLSU – Pintuyan Campus.

SEC 2. The SLSU – Pintuyan Campus shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses within its areas of specialization and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents of SLSU may deem necessary to carry out its objectives and in order to meet the needs of the Province of Southern Leyte.

SEC 3. The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Southern Leyte State University, except the sums needed to continue the operations of the existing colleges and high schools. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Southern Leyte State University – Pintuyan Campus shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC 4. 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 5. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,