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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to integrate one hundred Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Supervised Institutions (CSIs) into a Polytechnic State College of the Philippines (PSCP).

The CSIs are mainly trade-industrial, agricultural and fishery schools. They are our countryside partners in the training of our youth along skills that will be useful for agricultural modernization and economic development. For some time now, the CSIs have served in the frontlines, delivering training services to the studentry in the provinces. Their integration into the PSCP will link them to better resources for advanced instruction and training, and contribute significantly towards the formation of a competitive labor force, especially in the countryside.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE 100 CHED-SUPERVISED INSTITUTIONS (CSIs) OF THE
PHILIPPINES TO BE CALLED POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGES OF THE
PHILIPPINES (PSCP) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. **Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Higher
Technological Education Act of 2004."

SEC. 2. **Conversion.** - The one hundred (100) CHED- supervised
institutions (CSIs) of the Philippines is hereby converted into a state college to be
known as the Polytechnic State Colleges of the Philippines (PSCP); The One
Hundred (100) CSIs to be converted are as follows:

1. Marikina Institute of Science and Technology, Marikina City;
2. Ilocos Norte College of Arts and Trades, Laoag City;
3. Pangasinan School of Arts and Trades, Lingayen, Pangasinan;
4. Angadanan Agro-Industrial College, Angadanan, Isabela;
5. Batanes, Polytechnic College, Basco, Batanes;
6. Bukig National Agricultural Technical School, Aparro, Cagayan;
7. Cauayan Polytechnic College, Cauayan, Isabela;
8. Delfin Albano Memorial Institute of Agriculture and Technology, San
Mariano, Isabela;
9. Isabela School of Arts and Trades, Ilagan, Isabela;

- 1 10. Roxas Memorial Agricultural and Industrial School , Roxas, Isabela;
- 2 11. Bataan National Polytechnic School, Orani Bataan;
- 3 12. Sabani Estate Agricultural College, Gabaldon, Nueva Ecija;
- 4 13. Apolinario R. Apacible School of Fisheries, Nasugbu, Batangas;
- 5 14. Bongabong College of Fisheries, Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro;
- 6 15. Cavite College of Arts and Trades, Rosario, Cavite;
- 7 16. Cavite College of Fisheries, Naic, Cavite;
- 8 17. Jose P. Laurel Polytechnic College, Malvar, Batangas;
- 9 18. Judge Guillermo Eleazar Polytechnic College, Tagkawayan, Quezon;
- 10 19. Laguna College of Arts and Trades, Sta. Cruz, Laguna;
- 11 20. Los Baños College of Fisheries, Los Baños Laguna;
- 12 21. Occidental Mindoro Polytechnic College, San Jose, Occidental
- 13 Mindoro;
- 14 22. P.T. Mendiola Sr., Memorial Technological and Polytechnic College,
- 15 Occidental Mindoro;
- 16 23. Palawan College of Arts and Trades, Cuyo, Palawan;
- 17 24. Polytechnic College of Calapan, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro;
- 18 25. Romblon College of Fisheries and Forestry, San Andres, Romblon;
- 19 26. San Pablo City National School of Arts and Trades, San Pablo City,
- 20 Laguna;
- 21 27. Sibuyan Polytechnic College of San Fernando, Romblon;
- 22 28. Bicol College of Arts and Trades, Naga City;
- 23 29. Bicol Institute of Science and Technology, Sipocot, Camarines Sur
- 24 30. Calabanga Polytechnic College, Calabanga, Camarines Sur
- 25 31. Camarines Sur Institute of Fisheries and Marine Science, Paraino,
- 26 Camarines Sur;
- 27 32. Catanduanes Agricultural and Industrial College, Catanduanes;
- 28 33. Government Mariano Fuentebella Memorial College of Fisheries,
- 29 Sagnay, Camarine Sur;

- 1 34. San Jose Polytechnic Institute, San Jose Camarines Sur;
- 2 35. School of Philippine Craftsmen, Polangui, Albay;
- 3 36. Tinambac Polytechnic College, Tinambac Camarines Sur;
- 4 37. Ajuy Polytechnic College, Ajuy, Iloilo;
- 5 38. Aklan National College of Fisheries, New Washington, Aklan;
- 6 39. Antique College of Agriculture, Hamtik Antique;
- 7 40. Barotac Nuevo Polytechnic College, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo;
- 8 41. Batad Polytechnic College, Batad, Iloilo;
- 9 42. Calinog Agricultural and Industrial College, Calinog, Iloilo;
- 10 43. Capiz Institute of Technology, Roxas City;
- 11 44. Conception Polytechnic College, Conception, Iloilo
- 12 45. Dingle Agricultural and Technical College, Dingle, Iloilo;
- 13 46. Dumangas Polytechnic College, Dumangas, Iloilo;
- 14 47. Guimaras, Polytechnic College, Buenavista, Guimaras;
- 15 48. Janiuay Polytechnic College, Janiuay, Iloilo;
- 16 49. Lambunao Institute of Science and Technology, Lambunao Iloilo;
- 17 50. Lemery Polytechnic College, Lemery Iloilo;
- 18 51. Leon Ganzon Polytechnic College, Balasan, Iloilo;
- 19 52. Leon National College of Agriculture, Leon, Iloilo;
- 20 53. Negros Occidental Agricultural College, Kabankalan, Negros
- 21 Occidental;
- 22 54. Negros Occidental School of Fisheries, Binalbagan, Negros
- 23 Occidental;
- 24 55. Pototan College of Arts and Sciences, Pototan, Iloilo;
- 25 56. San Enrique Polytechnic College, San Enrique, Iloilo;
- 26 57. Sigma Polytechnic College, Sigma, Capiz;
- 27 58. Southern Iloilo Polytechnic College, Miag-ao, Iloilo;
- 28 59. Tario Lim Antique School of Fisheries, Tibiao, Antique;
- 29 60. Victorino Salcedo Polytechnic College, Sara, Iloilo;

- 1 61. Western Aklan Polytechnic College, Ibaday, Aklan;
- 2 62. Calape Polytechnic College, Calape, Bohol;
- 3 63. Negros Oriental National Agriculture School, Bayawan, Negros
- 4 Oriental;
- 5 64. Biliran National Agricultural College, Biliran;
- 6 65. Burauen Polytechnic College, Burauen, Leyte;
- 7 66. Can-avid National Agricultural College, Can-avid, Eastern Samar,
- 8 67. Carigara College of Fisheries, Carigara, Leyte;
- 9 68. Felipe J. Abrigo Memorial College of Arts and Trades, Guian, Eastern
- 10 Samar;
- 11 69. Isabel National Agricultural and Vocational School, Isabel, Leyte;
- 12 70. Laoag National Trade School, Laoag, Samar;
- 13 71. Leyte College of Arts and Trades, Tanauan, Leyte;
- 14 72. Leyte National College of Agricultural Science and Technology,
- 15 Villaba, Leyte;
- 16 73. Leyte State School of Agriculture, Alangalang, Leyte;
- 17 74. Leyte State School of Fisheries, Tolosa, Leyte;
- 18 75. Marcelino R. Viloso National Polytechnic College, Tabango, Leyte;
- 19 76. Pedro Rebadula Memorial Agricultural College, Catubig, Northern
- 20 Samar;
- 21 77. Samar Regional School of Fisheries, Catbalogan, Samar;
- 22 78. San Juan Polytechnic College, San Juan, Southern Leyte;
- 23 79. Southern Leyte Institute of Agriculture and Technology, Hinunganan,
- 24 Southern Leyte;
- 25 80. Southern Samar College of Agriculture, Science and Technology,
- 26 Salcedo, Eastern Samar;
- 27 81. Josefina H. Ceriles Polytechnic College, San Miguel, Zamboanga del
- 28 Sur;

- 1 82. Katipunan National Agricultural School, Katipunan, Zamboanga del
2 Norte;
- 3 83. Zamboanga City Polytechnic College, Zamboanga City;
- 4 84. Zamboanga del Norte Agricultural College, Liloy, Zamboanga del
5 Norte;
- 6 85. Zamboanga del Sur, Agricultural College, Dumingag, Zamboanga del
7 Sur;
- 8 86. Canuto H.S. Enerio College of Arts and Trades, Lakewood,
9 Zamboanga del Sur;
- 10 87. Tangub Agro-Industrial School, Labuyo Tangub City;
- 11 88. Mati School of Arts and Trades, Mati, Davao Oriental;
- 12 89. Lanao del Norte Agricultural College, Karomatan, Lanao del Norte;
- 13 90. Lanao National College of Arts and Trades, Saduc, Marawi City;
- 14 91. Maigo School of Arts and Trades, Maigo, Lanao del Norte;
- 15 92. North Cotabato College of Arts and Trades, Kidapawan City;
- 16 93. Abra School of Arts and Trades, Bangued Abra;
- 17 94. Benguet School of Arts and Trades, Bokod, Benguet;
- 18 95. Buguias-Loo Polytechnic College, Buguias, Benguet;
- 19 96. Ifugao College of Arts and Trades, Lagawe, Ifugao;
- 20 97. Northern Mindanao College of Arts, Science and Technology,
21 Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte;
- 22 98. Surigao National College of Science and Technology, del Carmen,
23 Surigao del Norte;
- 24 99. Surigao del Norte College of Agriculture and Technology, Mainit,
25 Surigao del Norte; and
- 26 100. Surigao del Sur Institute of Technology, Cantilan, Surigao del Sur.

27 SEC. 3. **Declaration of Policy-** It is the policy of the Sate to establish,
28 maintain and support a complete, technological, scientific and integrated system
29 of education of higher learning relevant to the needs of the people. Towards this

1 end, the PSCP shall primarily provide advanced instruction and professional
2 training in agriculture, science and technology, education and other related fields,
3 undertake research and extension services and provide progressive leadership in
4 these areas.

5 SEC. 4. **Purpose and Objectives.** – The PSCP shall offer
6 undergraduate, graduate and short-term technical courses within its areas of
7 specialization and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Trustees may
8 deem necessary to carry out its objectives, in order to meet the needs of the
9 province and the region.

10 - SEC. 5. **General Powers.** – The PSCP shall have general powers of
11 a corporation set forth in the Corporation Code. The Administration of the PSCP
12 and the exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board
13 of Trustees.

14 SEC. 6. **Governing Body; Composition of the Board.** – The governing
15 body of the PSCP shall be the Board of Trustees hereinafter referred to as the
16 Board, which shall be composed of the following:

17 a. The Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as
18 chairman of the board;

19 b. The president of the College as vice chairman;

20 c. The chairman of the Committee on Education and Culture of Senate,
21 member;

22 d. The chairman of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of
23 the House of Representatives, member;

24 e. The regional director of the National Economic and Development
25 Authority (NEDA), member;

26 f. The president of the faculty association of the PSCP, member,

27 g. The president of the alumni association of the PSCP, member, and

28 h. Two (2) prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in their
29 professions or fields of specialization of the PSCPO, chosen from among a list of

1 at least five (5) qualified persons in the municipality or the province where the
2 PSCP is locate, as recommended by the search committee constituted by the
3 PSCP president, in consultation with the chairman of the CHED, based on the
4 normal standards and qualifications for the position, members.

5 The term of the office of the president of the faculty association, the
6 president of the student council and the president of the alumni association shall
7 be co-terminous with their respective terms of office.

8 The two (2) prominent citizens shall be for a term of two (2) years.

9 In case of vacancy in the office of the president, the officer-in-charge of
10 the PSCP designated by the Board shall serve for the unexpired term only.

11 The president of the College, whose term may be terminated for cause
12 according to this Act, shall not be entitled to full retirement benefits under existing
13 laws.

14 SEC. 7. **Promulgation and Implementation of Policies.** – The Board
15 shall promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared State
16 policies on education and other pertinent provisions of the Constitution on
17 education, agriculture, science and technology, as well as the policies, standards
18 and thrusts of the CHED under Republic Act No. 8292.

19 SEC. 8. **Powers and Duties.** – The Board shall have the following
20 specific powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration and
21 the exercise of all the powers granted to a board of directors of a corporation
22 under existing law;

23 a. to enact rules and regulations not contrary to law as may be necessary
24 to carry out the purposes and function of the college;

25 b. to receive an appropriate all sums as may be provided for the support
26 of the college in the manner it may determine, in its discretion, to carry the
27 purposes and functions of the college;

28 c. to receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations or real and personal
29 properties of all kinds, to administer and dispose the same when necessary for

1 the benefit of the college, subject to limitations, directions and instructions of the
2 donors, if any. Such donations shall be exempt from donors tax and shall be
3 considered as deductible items from the income tax of the donor unit concerned
4 and in coordination with the CHED.

5 d. To fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as but
6 not limited to matriculation fees, graduation fees and laboratory fees, as their
7 respective boards, may deem proper to impose after due consultations with
8 involved sectors.

9 Such fees and charges, including government subsidies and other
10 incomes generated by the college shall constitute special trust funds and shall be
11 deposited in any authorized government depository bank and all interests that
12 shall accrue therefrom shall form parts of the same fund for the use of the college,
13 Provided, That any provision of existing laws, rules and regulations to the
14 contrary notwithstanding, any income generated by the college, and maybe
15 disbursed by the Board of Trustees for instruction, research, extension or other
16 program/projects of the college: Provided, further, That all fiduciary fees shall be
17 disbursed for the specific purposes for which they are collected.

18 If, for reason beyond its control, the college shall not be able to pursue
19 any project for which funds have been appropriated and allocated under its
20 approved program of expenditures, the Board of Trustees may authorize the use
21 of said funds for any reasonable purpose which, in its discretion, may be
22 necessary and urgent for the attainment of the objectives and goals of the
23 college;

24 e) To adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and school fees
25 for greater access to poor but deserving students;

26 f) To authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machineries,
27 equipment and other facilities and the purchase and acquisition of real and
28 personal properties including necessary supplies, materials and equipment.

1 Purchases and other transactions entered into by the college through the Board
2 of Trustees shall be exempt from all taxes and duties;

3 g) To appoint, upon recommendation of the president of the college, vice-
4 presidents, deans, directors, head of departments, faculty members and other
5 officials and employees;

6 h) To fix and adjust salaries of faculty members and administrative officials
7 and employees subject to the provisions of the Revised Compensation and
8 Classification System and other pertinent budget and compensation laws
9 governing hours of service and such other duties and conditions as it may deem
10 proper; to grant them at its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations
11 as it may promulgate, any provision of existing law to the contrary
12 notwithstanding; and to remove them for cause in accordance with the
13 requirements of due process of law;

14 i) To approve the curricula, institutional programs and rules of discipline
15 drawn by the administrative and academic councils as herein provided;

16 j) To set policies on admission and graduation of students;

17 k) To award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of outstanding
18 contribution in the field of education, public service, arts, science and technology
19 or in any field of specialization within the academic competence of the college
20 and to authorize the award of certificates of completion of non-degree and non-
21 traditional courses;

22 l) To establish extension production centers to promote the development
23 of the latter;

24 m) To establish chairs in college and to provide fellowships for qualified
25 faculty members and scholarships to deserving students;

26 n) To delegate any of its powers and duties provided for herein above the
27 presidents and/or other officials of the college as it may deem appropriate as to
28 expedite the administration of the affairs of the college;

1 o) To authorize an external management audit of the institution to be
2 financed by the CHED and to institute reforms, including academic and structural
3 changes on the basis of the audit results and recommendations;

4 p) To collaborate with the other governing boards of the PSCP within the
5 province or the region, under the supervision of the CHED and in consultation
6 with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the restructuring of said
7 colleges to become more efficient, relevant, productive and competitive;

8 q) To enter into joint ventures with business and industry for the profitable
9 development and management of the economic asset of the college or institution,
10 the proceeds of which shall be used for the development and strengthening of
11 the college;

12 r) To develop consortia and other forms of linkages with local government
13 units (LGUs), institutions and agencies, both public and private, local and foreign,
14 in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the institutions;

15 s) To develop academic arrangements for institution capability building
16 with appropriate institutions and agencies, public or private, local or foreign and
17 to appoint experts specialists and consultants, or visiting or exchange professors,
18 scholars, researchers, as the case may be;

19 t) To set up the adoption of modern and innovative modes of transmitting
20 knowledge such as the use of information technology, the dual system, open
21 learning, community laboratory, etc. for the promotion of greater access to higher
22 education;

23 u) To establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative decision-
24 making and transparency within the institution;

25 v) To privatize, where most advantageous to the institutions, management
26 and non-academic services such as health, food, building, grounds or property or
27 maintenance, security guards or force and other similar activities; and

28 w) To extend the term of the president of the college or university beyond
29 the age of retirement but not later than the age of seventy (70), whose

1 performance has been unanimously rated as outstanding and upon unanimous
2 recommendation by the search committee for the institution concerned.

3 SEC. 9. **Meetings; Quorum.** – The Board of Trustees shall regularly
4 convene at least once every quarter. However, the chairman of the Board of
5 Trustees may, upon three (3)-day prior written notice, call a special meeting
6 whenever necessary.

7 A quorum of the Board shall consist of majority of all members holding
8 office at the time of the meeting: Provided, however, That the chairman of the
9 CHED, who is chairman of the Board or the president of the PSCP, is among
10 those present in the meeting.

11 In the absence of the chairman of the CHED, a commissioner of the
12 CHED, who is chairman of the Board or the president of the PSCP, is among
13 those present in the meeting.

14 In the absence of the chairman of the CHED, a commissioner of the
15 CHED duly designated by him, shall represent him in the meeting with all the
16 rights and responsibilities of a regular member: Provided, however, That in the
17 same meeting, the president of the PSCP as vice chairman shall be the presiding
18 officer.

19 The members of the Board shall not receive any salary but shall be
20 entitled to reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either in
21 their attendance to meetings of the Board or in connection with other official
22 business authorized by resolution of the board, subject to pertinent existing laws
23 and regulations.

24 SEC. 10. **The Administration.** – The PSCP shall be headed by a
25 president who shall render full-time service. He shall be appointed by the Board
26 president who shall render full-time service. He shall be appointed by the Board
27 upon the recommendation of a duly constituted search committee. He shall hold
28 office for a term of four (4) years, extendible only for another (4) years.

1 In case of a vacancy in the office of the president by reason of death,
2 compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause or incapacity of the
3 president to perform the functions of his office, the Board shall have the authority
4 to designate an officer-in- charge of the PSCP pending the appointment of a new
5 president.

6 The powers and duties of the president of the PSCP, In addition to those
7 specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of
8 the president of similar universities/colleges, and those delegated by the Board.

9 The salary of the President of the PSCP shall be in accordance with the
10 Revised by the president(s) of similar educational institutions of like standing.

11 SEC. 11. **Administrative Council.** – There shall be an administrative
12 council consisting of the president of the PSCP a chairman, the vice president(s),
13 deans and other officials of equal rank whose duty is to implement the policies
14 governing the administration, management and development of the PSCP, as
15 approved by the Board.

16 SEC. 12. **Academic Council.** – There shall be an academic council with
17 the president of the PSCP as chairman and all the members of the instructional
18 staff with the rank not lower than assistant professor, as members.

19 The academic council shall have the power to prescribe curricular
20 offerings, subject to the approval of the Board. It shall fix the requirements for
21 admission of the PSCP, as well as for graduation and the conferring of degrees,
22 subject to review and/or approval by the Board through the president of the
23 PSCP.

24 It shall have the disciplinary power over the students and shall formulate
25 academic policies and rules and regulations on discipline. Such policies, rules
26 and regulations shall be approved by the Board.

27 SEC. 13. **Secretary of the PSCP.** – The Board shall appoint a secretary
28 who shall serve as such for both the Board and the PSCP and shall keep all

1 records and proceedings of the Board. He shall communicate to each members
2 of the Board notice to meetings.

3 SEC. 14. ***The Treasurer of the Philippines.*** – The National Treasurer of
4 the Philippines shall be ex officio treasurer of the PSCP.

5 SEC. 15. ***Appointment of Faculty.*** – No religious opinion of affiliation
6 shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the college:
7 Provided, however, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any
8 particular church or religious sect.

9 SEC. 16. ***The Administration.*** – No Students shall be denied admission
10 to any college by reasons of sex, nationality, religion, political affiliation or
11 physical disability.

12 SEC. 17. ***Transfer of Assets, Liabilities, Personnel and Records*** – All
13 assets, fixed and movable, personnel and records of the PSCP, as well as
14 liabilities or obligations, are hereby transmitted to the PSCP: Provided, however,
15 That the positions, rights and security of tenure of personnel therein employed
16 under existing laws prior to its conversion into a state college are not impaired:
17 Provided, further, That the incumbents of the positions shall remain under the
18 same status until otherwise provided for by the Board. All parcels of land
19 belonging to the government occupied by the PSP are hereby declared to be the
20 property of the PSCP and shall be entitled under its name: Provided,
21 furthermore, That should the PSCP cease to exist to be abolished or such
22 parcels of land aforementioned are no longer needed by the PSCP, the same
23 shall revert to the respective province where the PSCP is located.

24 SEC. 18. ***Authority to Loan or Transfer Equipment.*** – The heads of
25 bureaus and offices of the national government are hereby authorized to loan or
26 transfer, upon request of the president of the PSCP, such apparatus, equipment
27 or supplies as may be needed by the PSCP, and to detail employees for duty
28 therein when, in the judgement of the bureau or office, such apparatus

1 equipment, supplies or services of such employees can be spread without
2 serious detriment to the public service.

3 Employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by
4 the president of the PSCP and the time so employed shall be counted as apart of
5 their regular services.

6 SEC. 19. **Scholarship.** – The PSCP shall provide a scholarship program
7 and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students to
8 qualify for admission to the PSCP.

9 SEC. 20. **Academic Freedom.** – Pursuant to paragraph 2, Article XIV of
10 the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, all institutions of higher
11 learning, public or private, shall enjoy academic freedom and institutional
12 autonomy.

13 SEC. 21. **Filing of Reports.** – On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the
14 second month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board shall file
15 with both Houses of Congress a detailed report on the progress, conditions and
16 needs of the PSCP.

17 SEC. 22. **Integration.** – The PSCP may accept the affiliation and /or
18 integration within its operation of any existing national school within the province
19 whose programs can contribute largely and effectively to the attainment of its
20 objectives in coordination with the CHED and in consultation with the DBM:
21 Provided, That, funds, properties, and other assets, as well as obligations of the
22 integrated school shall be transferred to the PSCP.

23 SEC. 23. **Appropriations.** – The chairperson of the CHED shall include
24 in its regular program the conversion of the existing CSIs as state colleges, the
25 initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations
26 of the existing CSIs except the sums needed to continue the operations of the
27 existing high school. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the
28 continued operation and maintenance of the PSCP shall be included in annual
29 General Appropriations Act.

1 SEC. 24. **Requirement.** – Within the period of one hundred twenty (120)
2 days after the approval of this Act, the PSCP shall accomplish the following:

3 a. Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding
4 program budget to the CHED, for appropriate recommendation to the DBM;

5 b. Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED;

6 c. Accordingly, set up its organizational, administrative, as well as
7 academic structure, including the appointment/ designation of PSCP key officials;
8 and

9 d. Set in motion the establishment of at last four (4) separate degree
10 granting units, one of which is in the arts and sciences and another, at the
11 graduate level.

12 SEC. 25. **Exemption from Civil Service.** – Members of the faculty of the
13 PSCP at the tertiary level shall be exempt from any civil service examination as a
14 requisite for appointment, without prejudice to the right of the Board to impose
15 professional examination requirements intended to maintain high academic
16 standards.

17 SEC. 26. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as
18 the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997,” shall form an integral part of
19 this Act and together shall serve as the governing charter of the PSCP.

20 SEC. 27. **Functions and Privileges.** – All other powers, functions and
21 privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state colleges and/or its officials
22 under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the PSCP
23 and/or its officials whenever appropriate.

24 SEC. 28. **Implementation.** – The chairman of the CHED is hereby
25 directed to take such steps as are necessary for the immediate implementation of
26 this Act.

27 SEC. 29. **Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any part or provision
28 of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or
29 provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

1 SEC. 30. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive
2 orders, letters of instruction and CSI contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are
3 hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

4 SEC. 31. **Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
5 after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

6 Approved,