

(AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE)

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House Bill No. 6975
(In substitution of House Bill No. 5885)

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES CYRILLE “BENG” F. ABUEG-ZALDIVAR,
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AN ACT

1 **INTEGRATING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY**
2 **RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PSU-CCRD) EXTERNAL CAMPUSES IN THE**
3 **PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA AS**
4 **REGULAR CAMPUSES OF PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY (PSU), AMENDING**
5 **FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7818, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**
6 **THEREFOR**

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

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11 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “*Palawan State University-College of*
12 *Community Resources Development (PSU-CCRD) External Campuses Act*”.

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14 **SEC. 2.** The Palawan State University-College of Community Resources Development
15 (PSU-CCRD) External Campuses in the FOLLOWING MUNICIPALITIES OF THE
16 Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa, namely, PSU-Narra, PSU-Quezon, PSU-
17 Brooke’s Point, PSU-Roxas, PSU-Taytay, and PSU-Coron [~~Campuses, shall be integrated as~~
18 ~~regular campuses of the Palawan State University (PSU), hereinafter referred to as the~~
19 ~~University.] [The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of~~
20 ~~Puerto Princesa, Namely],~~ PSU-Espanola, PSU-Rizal, PSU-Bataraza, PSU-Balabac, PSU-
21 Dumaran, PSU-San Vicente, PSU-Linapacan, [~~and other branches]~~ PSU-ARACELI, PSU-EL
22 NIDO AND PSU-SAN RAFAEL LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL IN THE CITY
23 OF PUERTO PRINCESA shall be integrated as regular campuses of the University.

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25 The PSU Main Campus, The PSU-Cuyo Campus (formerly Palawan College of Arts and
26 Trade) in the Municipality of Cuyo, Palawan, which was integrated into the main campus, and
27 the regular campuses [~~and technology branches]~~ of PSU established under this Act shall be
28 collectively referred to as the University.

1 **SEC. 3.** The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of
2 Puerto Princesa shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational courses, undergraduate,
3 and graduate programs within its competency and areas of specialization pursuant to its mandate,
4 and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents, may deem necessary to carry out its
5 objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of
6 Palawan and the Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan (MIMAROPA) Region.
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8 The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto
9 Princesa are also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide
10 progressive leadership in these areas.
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12 **SEC. 4.** The governance of the Campuses shall be vested exclusively in the Board of
13 Regents of the PSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board.
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15 **SEC. 5.** The University President shall exercise overall supervision and management of the
16 campuses. The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of
17 Puerto Princesa shall each be headed by Campus Administrator who shall render full-time
18 service and be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search
19 committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the
20 Board: *Provided*, That, upon the effectivity of this Act, the incumbent Campus Directors of the
21 existing campuses of the PSU shall continue to serve as such.
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23 **SEC. 6.** All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the PSU-CCRD External
24 Campuses located in the Municipalities of Narra, Quezon, Brooke’s Point, Roxas, Taytay,
25 Coron, Espanola, Rizal, Bataraza, Balabac, Dumarán, San Vicente, Linapacan, [~~and Cuyo,~~]
26 PSU-ARACELI, PSU-EL NIDO, AND PSU-SAN RAFAEL as well as liabilities or
27 obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The positions, rights, and security of tenure
28 of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to their conversion
29 into regular campuses shall be respected. *Provided*, That the incumbents occupy the positions
30 shall remain in the same status until otherwise provided by the Board: *Provided*, further, That the
31 University shall also accordingly upgrade or increase its human resource component as may be
32 deemed appropriate by the governing Board.
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34 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the PSU-CCRD External
35 Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa are hereby transferred to
36 the University, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the campuses or the
37 University cease to exist or be abolished, or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no
38 longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the local government units concerned.
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40 **SEC. 7.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in
41 the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).
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43 The municipalities of Narra, Quezon, Brooke’s Point, Roxas, Taytay, Coron, Espanola,
44 Rizal, Bataraza, Balabac, Dumarán, San Vicente, Linapacan, [~~and Cuyo~~] PSU-ARACELI,
45 PSU-EL NIDO, AND PSU-SAN RAFAEL shall provide the same financial support to the
46 respective [~~extension~~] EXTERNAL campuses until such time that the amount necessary for the
47 continued operation and maintenance of the campuses shall be included in the annual GAA.

1 **SEC. 8.** The provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher
2 Education Modernization Act of 1997”, and RA Nos. 9832 and 11169 shall form an integral part
3 of this Act, and shall serve as part of the governing charter of the University.
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5 **SEC. 9.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or
6 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force
7 and effect.
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9 **SEC. 10.** All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations
10 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.
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12 **SEC. 11.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
13 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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15 *Approved,*