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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the 2018 Annual Poverty Statistics of Caloocan City conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority, 32 of out 1,000 families in Caloocan City do not have enough income to provide and sustain the basic food, and non-food requirements of the family members such as clothing and footwear, housing, utilities, medical care and education, among others. In addition, 49 out of 1,000 individuals cannot afford to sustain the manner in providing their basic needs and cover expenditure on non-food needs including education.

The Teach for the Philippines in its 2019 Annual Report highlighted the pivotal role of education in reducing poverty and improving the life outcomes of individuals and communities. Due to extreme poverty and lack of access to education, the Department of Education reported that for every 100 students who begin schooling at Grade 1, only 65 complete elementary school. Of these, only 43 graduate from high school and 23 enter college, but only 12 students will get a degree.

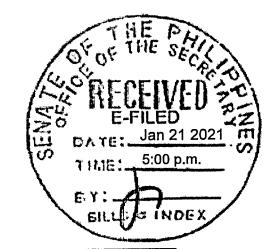
Correspondingly, the UNESCO Lifelong Learning Institute in 2015 underscored the role of higher education in promoting lifelong learning at all ages and stages of life. However, the Institute also recognized that the continuing lack of access to educational facilities could be a major problem for the learners to fully participate in higher education.

This bill aims to address the absence of a state sponsored tertiary educational institutions in Metro Manila North or CAMANAVA area to allow the learners to attend university and complete their education by establishing a campus of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) in Caloocan City-North to be known as the PUP Caloocan City-North Campus.

In order to provide education opportunity to all, regardless of one's location on life's course, the 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. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "PUP-Caloocan City-North Campus Act".

SEC. 2. *Establishment of PUP Campus.* — There is hereby established a campus of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), hereinafter referred to as the University, in Caloocan City-North to be known as the PUP-Caloocan City-North Campus.

SEC. 3. *University Campus Admission and Programs.* — The PUP-Caloocan City-North Campus shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to its mandate, and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the need of the City and the National Capital Region.

The PUP-Caloocan City-North Campus is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and to provide progressive leadership in these areas, including the offering of graduate degrees through open distance learning under the PUP Open University System.

SEC. 4. Campus Administrator. — The PUP-Caloocan City-North Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and

shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of the University. Such appointment or designation shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board.

SEC. 5. Compliance with CHED Requirements. — The establishment of the PUP-Caloocan City-North Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied with, as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

SEC. 6. Assets, Liabilities and Personnel. — All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the PUP-Caloocan City-North Campus, as well as liabilities and obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed at the PUP-Caloocan City-North Campus under existing laws prior to the integration to the University shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the PUP-Caloocan City-North Campus are hereby declared to be the property of the University and shall be titled under the name: *Provided,* that should the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

- **SEC. 7.** *Governing Charter.* The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" shall from an integral part of this Act and together shall serve as the governing charter of the University.
- **SEC. 8.** *Powers and Functions.* All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state universities and its official under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the University and its officials whenever appropriate.
- **SEC. 9.** *Appropriations.* The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

- **SEC. 10.** *Separability Clause.* If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts of provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
- SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repeated, amended or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 12. *Effectivity Clause*. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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