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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6553

By Representatives Garcia (M.A.), Go (M.), Chatto, Eudela, Rillo, Rodriguez (E.), Quimbo, Cagas, Suan, Yu (J.V.), Balindong, Domingo, Adiong, Chua, Agarao, Sacdalan, Gullas, Galeos, Abalos, Salo, Manuel, Cardema, Yulo, Bongalon, Dimaporo (M.K.), Dimaporo (S.A.), Castro (F.), Garcia (D.), Revilla (R.J.), Revilla (B.), Gomez and Co (E.), per Committee Report No. 218

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE BATAAN PENINSULA STATE UNIVERSITY-BAGAC EXTENSION CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAGAC, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE BATAAN PENINSULA STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "BATAAN PENINSULA STATE UNIVERSITY-BAGAC CAMPUS", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Bataan Peninsula State University-Bagac Campus Act".
- SEC. 2. The Bagac Extension Campus of the Bataan Peninsula State University (BPSU) located in the Municipality of Bagac, Province of Bataan, is hereby converted into a regular campus, to be known as the BPSU-Bagac Campus.
- **SEC. 3.** The BPSU-Bagac Campus shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the BPSU, and according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Bataan and Region III. It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

- **SEC. 4.** The BPSU-Bagac Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualification standards, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.
- SEC. 5. The BPSU shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the BPSU-Bagac Campus, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.
- SEC. 6. All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the BPSU-Bagac Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled under or named after the BPSU.

All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by the BPSU-Bagac Campus shall be the property of the BPSU, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided,* That should the campus cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the BPSU, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

- **SEC. 7**. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.
- **SEC. 8.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The Municipality of Bagac shall continue to provide funding assistance for the operations of the BPSU-Bagac Campus until such time that the amount necessary for its continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual GAA.

- **SEC. 9.** Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.
- SEC. 10. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
- SEC. 11. All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 12. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,