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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7091

By Representatives Olivarez, Go (M.), Mariano-Hernandez and Co (E.), per Committee Report No. 314

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-PARAÑAQUE CITY CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 "*Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)-Parañague City Campus Act.*"

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SEC. 2. CONVERSION OF PUP-PARAÑAQUE CITY CAMPUS. – The campus of the PUP located in the City of Parañaque, National Capital Region (NCR) is hereby converted into a regular campus of the PUP to be known as the PUP-Parañaque City Campus.

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SEC. 3. *GENERAL MANDATE.* – The PUP-Parañaque City Campus shall offer short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the City of Parañaque and the NCR.

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The PUP-Parañaque City Campus [is also] SHALL ALSO BE mandated to undertake research and extension services, and production activities in support of the socio-economic development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

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[SEC. 4. The PUP Parañaque City Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full time service and shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the qualification standards prescribed by the Board, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.]

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SEC. 4. SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUP-PARAÑAQUE CITY CAMPUS. — THE PUP-PARAÑAQUE CITY CAMPUS SHALL BE HEADED BY A FULL-TIME CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD SUBJECT TO THE GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS, AND STANDARDS SET BY THE BOARD, AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A SEARCH COMMITTEE DULY CONSTITUTED BY THE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTING THE CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR.

[SEC. 5. The PUP shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the PUP Parañaque City Campus, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.]

SEC. 5. COMPLIANCE WITH CHED REQUIREMENTS. — THE PUP, PRIOR TO THE CONVERSION OF THE PUP-PARAÑAQUE CITY CAMPUS INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS AND THE OFFERING OF NEW AND REVISED COURSES AND PROGRAMS RELATED THERETO, SHALL ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE POLICIES, STANDARDS, AND GUIDELINES OF THE CHED.

 SEC. 6. *MANAGEMENT OF PERSONNEL*, *ASSETS AND RECORDS OF THE CAMPUS.* – All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the PUP-Parañaque City Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be transferred to the PUP. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.

 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the PUP-Parañaque City Campus shall be transferred to the PUP: *Provided*, That should the campus or the PUP cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the PUP, the same shall revert to the City of Parañaque or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

SEC. 7. SUPPLETORY APPLICATION. — 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. APPROPRIATIONS. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The City of Parañaque shall provide the same amount of financial assistance to the campus until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the PUP-Parañaque City Campus shall be included in the annual GAA.

SEC. 9. *IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.* — Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 10. *SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.* – 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. *REPEALING CLAUSE.* – 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. *EFFECTIVITY.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,