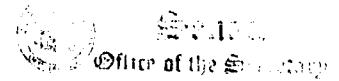


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 108

Submitted by the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Ways and Means; and Finance on AUG 29 2023.

Re: House Bill No. 7961

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 7961 with amendments, taking into consideration Senate Bill Nos. 1620 and 2295.

Sponsor: Senator Francis G. Escudero

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Ways and Means; and Finance, to which were referred **House Bill No. 7961**, introduced by Representatives Silverio, Villarica, Go (M.), Domingo, Robes, Cruz (A.), Pleyto, Pancho, Rodriguez (E.), Co (E.), Salceda, Lagon (S.), Ty, Dionisio, Haresco, Singson-Meehan, Magsino, Suan, Reyes, Dagooc, Bascug, Zamora (M.C.), Nograles (M.), Verzosa, Loyola, Pumaren, Kho (R.), Aquino-Magsaysay, Lee, Tarriela, Padiernos, Ang, Cua, Salo, Cajayon-Uy, Rodriguez (R.), Castro (F.), Noel, Delos Santos, Palma and Villanueva, entitled:

**"AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY AS A
SYSTEM EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS AND THE
COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

taking into consideration **Senate Bill No. 1620**, introduced by Senator Villanueva, entitled:

**"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
INTEGRATING ALL ITS CAMPUSES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

and **Senate Bill No. 2295**, introduced by Senator Gatchalian, entitled:

**"AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY AS A
SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7665,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT CONVERTING THE BULACAN
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE PROVINCE OF
BULACAN INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE
BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
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have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 7961, taking into consideration Senate Bill Nos. 1620 and 2295, be approved with the following amendments:

1. As an omnibus amendment, delete the phrase "BulSU System", then insert the acronym "**BULSU**";
2. On page 1, lines 9 to 15, delete the entire 2nd paragraph of Section 2 and replace it with the following paragraph:

"TO THIS END, THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY (BULSU) AND ITS CONSTITUENT UNITS SHALL BE STRENGTHENED AS A STATE UNIVERSITY TO ENHANCE ITS CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE QUALITY EDUCATION. IT SHALL ALSO BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS AND THE COMPOSITION AND POWERS OF ITS GOVERNING BOARD, DEVELOPING THE COMPETENCIES AND ENCOURAGING THE SPECIALIZATION OF ITS CONSTITUENT UNITS, ENGAGING IN CONVENTIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES, METHODOLOGIES AND STRATEGIES, AND FOSTERING A UNIQUE AND DISTINCTIVE ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TOWARDS THE IMPROVEMENT OF BULSU AS AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION AND THE DELIVERY OF HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN AND CENTRAL LUZON REGION."

3. On page 2, lines 2 to 3, Section 3, delete the phrase "is a university system and shall consist of the following" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "**SHALL BE COMPRISED OF ITS**";
4. On the same page, line 5, delete the word "including", then insert the word "**AND**";

5. On the same page, same line, delete the word "shall" and replace it with the word "**MAY**";
6. As an omnibus amendment, delete the phrase "Region III", then insert the phrase "**CENTRAL LUZON REGION**";
7. On page 2, lines 27 to 28, Section 5, after the amended phrase "**CENTRAL LUZON REGION**", insert a colon "(:)" and a proviso which shall read as follows: "**PROVIDED, THAT BULSU SHALL COMPLY WITH THE POLICIES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES OF THE CHED FOR THE OFFERING OF COURSES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR REVISED PROGRAMS**";
8. On page 2, line 33, after the word "institutions", delete the period "(.)" and insert a colon "(:)" and a proviso which shall read as follows: "**PROVIDED, THAT BULSU SHALL COMPLY WITH THE POLICIES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES OF THE CHED FOR THE OPERATION OF REGULAR OR EXTENSION CAMPUSES**";
9. As an omnibus amendment, delete the phrase "guidelines on qualification standards" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "**GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS**";
10. On page 3 line 3, Section 7, after the word "Authority", insert the acronym "**(NEDA)**" enclosed in parenthesis;
11. On the same page, line 17, delete the phrase "guidelines on standard qualifications", and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "**GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS**";
12. On the same page, line 43, Section 8, delete the phrase "and employees";

13. On the same page, line 45 to page 4, line 2, delete the entire subsection d of Section 8 and replace it with a new subsection d to read as follows:

“(D) PRESCRIBE THE SALARIES OF FACULTY MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11466, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW OF 2019”, CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING HOURS OF SERVICE AND SUCH OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS, AND OTHER PERTINENT LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS;”

14. On page 4, lines 7 to 8, delete the phrase “special trust funds”, then insert the phrase **“FUNDS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY IN PURSUIT OF ITS MANDATE AS A STATE UNIVERSITY”**;
15. On the same page, lines 12 to 22, delete the entire 2nd paragraph of Section 8 (e), and replace it with the following:

“THE FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE BULSU, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES AND PROCEEDS FROM OTHER INCOME SOURCES, AS WELL AS INTERESTS THAT WOULD ACCRUE THEREFROM, SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE UNIVERSITY: *PROVIDED*, THAT IN NO CASE SHALL THE SAID INCOME BE USED FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES AND OTHER BENEFITS NOT AUTHORIZED BY LAW: *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT ALL FIDUCIARY FEES SHALL BE DISBURSED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY WERE COLLECTED.

"IF THE BULSU, FOR REASONS BEYOND ITS CONTROL, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PURSUE ANY PROJECT FOR WHICH FUNDS HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATED AND ALLOCATED UNDER ITS APPROVED PROGRAM OF EXPENDITURES, THE BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE THE USE OF SAID FUND FOR ANY REASONABLE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT DEEMS NECESSARY AND URGENT FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY: *PROVIDED*, THAT FUNDS COLLECTED FROM STUDENTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES SHALL NOT BE REALIGNED OR REPROGRAMMED TO OTHER EXPENDITURES;"

16. On page 5, line 24, delete the entire subsection (r) of Section 8 and replace it with a new subsection (r) to read as follows:

"(R) IMPORT BOOKS OR PUBLICATIONS, INSTRUMENTS, EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUSES FOR ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL, HISTORICAL, LEGAL OR CULTURAL PURPOSES;"

17. On the same page, line 26, after the word "industry", insert a comma "(,)" and the phrase "**AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE NEDA**" and thereafter another comma "(,)"
18. On the same page, line 37, after the word "Board", insert a colon "(:)" and a proviso which shall read as follows: "***PROVIDED*, THAT SUCH EXTENSION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE TERM LIMITS PROVIDED IN SECTION 10 OF THIS ACT**";

19. On the same page, same line, after the word "Provided" and a comma "(,)", insert the word "**FURTHER**" and a comma "(,)"
20. On the same page, line 48, replace the word "privatize" with the word "**OUTSOURCE**";
21. On page 6, lines 27 to 28, Section 9, delete the phrase "shall not be able to", then insert the word "**CANNOT**";
22. On the same page, lines 43 to 45, Section 10, delete the colon "(:)" and the following proviso: "*Provided*, That upon the effectivity of this Act, the incumbent President of the BuISU System shall serve a term of four (4) years without reappointment";
23. On the same page, line 48, after the word "Presidency", insert a comma "(,)" and the phrase "**AND SHALL ENSURE THE APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDENT ON OR BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM**";
24. On page 8, line 23, Section 16, after the word "belief" and a comma "(,)", insert the word "**SEX**" and a comma "(,)"
25. On the same page, line 24, delete the word "or" between the word "affiliation" and the word "ethnic", then insert a comma "(,)"
26. On the same page, same line, delete the word "nor" then insert the word "**OR**";
27. On the same page, line 28, delete the phrase "church or religious sect", then insert the phrase "**RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION**";

28. On the same page, line 47, Section 19, after the word "of", insert the word "**SEX**" and a comma "(,)"
29. On the same page, line 48, between the words "cultural" and "community", delete the word "or", then after the word "origin", insert a comma "(,)" and the phrase "**OR ANY OTHER FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION**";
30. On the same page, line 50, to page 9, line 9, delete the entire Section 20 and replace it with the following:

"SEC. 20. LOAN OR TRANSFER OF SUPPLIES, APPARATUSES, OR EQUIPMENT, OR DETAIL OF PERSONNEL TO THE BULSU. – HEADS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES MAY, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD THROUGH THE PRESIDENT OF THE BULSU, LOAN OR TRANSFER SUPPLIES, APPARATUSES, OR EQUIPMENT, OR DETAIL PERSONNEL TO THE UNIVERSITY: PROVIDED, THAT SUCH LOAN, TRANSFER OR DETAIL SHALL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

"THE PERSONNEL TO BE DETAILED TO THE UNIVERSITY SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS MAY BE DEEMED REQUIRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BULSU AND THE TIME SPENT FOR SUCH DUTIES SHALL BE COUNTED AS PART OF THE DETAILED PERSONNEL'S REGULAR SERVICE."

31. On page 9, line 27, Section 22, after the word "publications" and a comma "(,)", insert the phrase "**INSTRUMENTS, EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUSES**"

32. On the same page, line 28, after the word "scientific" and a comma "(,)", insert the word "**MEDICAL**" and a comma "(,)"
33. On page 10, line 35, Section 31, insert the word "**AFTER**" between the words "effect" and "fifteen"; thereafter delete the word "after" between the words "days" and "its" and in lieu thereof, insert the word "**FOLLOWING**";
34. Finally, to amend the title of the Bill, which shall now read as follows:

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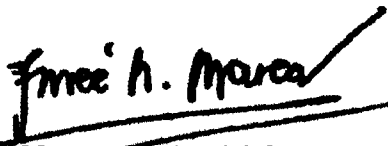
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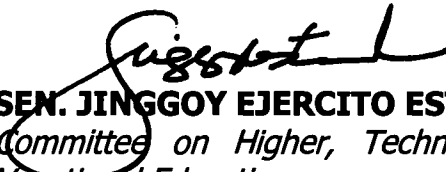
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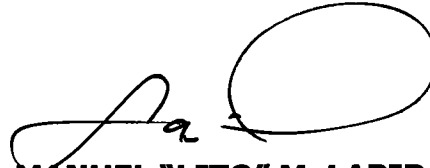
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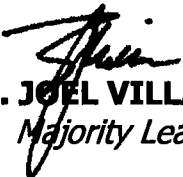
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AN ACT

**STRENGTHENING THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY AS A SYSTEM
EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS AND THE COMPOSITION OF
THE GOVERNING BOARD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Revised Bulacan*
2 *State University Charter*”.

3
4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – The State shall promote, foster, nurture, and
5 protect the right of all citizens to accessible quality education. It shall establish, maintain,
6 and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education that is relevant to
7 the needs of the people and society.

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9 To this end, the Bulacan State University (BulSU) and all its regular and extension
10 campuses shall be strengthened as a state university system to enhance its capability to
11 provide accessible quality education. It shall also be strengthened further through the
12 expansion of its curricular offerings and the composition of its governing board, as well
13 as through engagement in conventional or unconventional techniques, methodology, and
14 strategies that shall improve the institution and the delivery of higher education in the
15 Province of Bulacan and Region III.

1 **SEC. 3. *University Campuses and Other Units.*** – The BulSU is a university
2 system and shall consist of the following existing campuses in the Cities of Malolos and
3 San Jose del Monte and in the Municipalities of San Rafael, Bustos, Bulakan, and
4 Hagonoy, as well as its constituent units, regular and extension campuses, colleges,
5 academic or nonacademic units, including all other BulSU campuses that shall be
6 established in the future. The main campus of the BulSU System shall remain in the City
7 of Malolos, Province of Bulacan.

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10 **SEC. 4. *General Mandate.*** – The BulSU System shall primarily provide advanced
11 education, higher technological, professional courses and training programs in
12 engineering and technology, arts and sciences, education, agriculture and industrial fields,
13 accountancy, business and public administration, medicine and allied health courses, hotel
14 and restaurant management, tourism, aeronautics, artificial intelligence and robotics, law,
15 nontraditional courses and other relevant fields of study. It shall also undertake research
16 and extension services and production activities, in support of the socio-economic
17 development of the Province of Bulacan and Region III.

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19 **SEC. 5. *Curricular Offerings.*** – The BulSU System shall primarily offer
20 undergraduate and graduate courses, advanced professional and technical instruction and
21 training within its areas of specialization in the fields of environment and natural sciences,
22 accountancy, commerce, business and public administration, agriculture, education,
23 fisheries, forestry, engineering and technology, arts and sciences, law, medicine and allied
24 medicine, architecture, archeology, hotel and tourism, aeronautics, artificial intelligence
25 and robotics, public administration, and other relevant fields of study, as the Board of
26 Regents may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which
27 respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Bulacan and Region
28 III.

29
30 The BulSU may open new branches or extension campuses in consortium with
31 other academic institutions as it may deem necessary, to improve access to quality
32 education, promote innovation and progress in the academe, and advance its research
33 capabilities, subject to applicable arrangements with other institutions.

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35 The existing reasonably-sized laboratory junior and senior high school shall
36 continue to operate under the supervision of the College of Education of the BulSU to
37 serve the in-campus requirements of its students.

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39 **SEC. 6. *Administration.*** – The BulSU System shall have the general powers of a
40 corporation set forth in Republic Act No. 11232, otherwise known as the “Revised
41 Corporation Code of the Philippines”. The exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested
42 exclusively in the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, and the President
43 of the BulSU System.

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45 **SEC. 7. *The Governing Board.*** – The governing board of the BulSU System shall
46 be the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be chaired and
47 co-chaired by the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the
48 President of the BulSU System, respectively, and with the following as members:

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50 (a) Chairperson of the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education of the
51 Senate;

- 1 (b) Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of
- 2 Representatives;
- 3 (c) Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority;
- 4 (d) Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture;
- 5 (e) Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology;
- 6 (f) President of the federation of faculty associations of the BulSU System;
- 7 (g) President of the federation of student councils of the BulSU System;
- 8 (h) President of the federation of alumni associations of the BulSU System;
- 9 (i) President of the nonteaching personnel association of the BulSU System; and
- 10 (j) Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished
- 11 themselves in their professions or fields of specialization.

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13 The Board shall appoint two (2) prominent citizens who shall be selected from a
14 list of at least five (5) qualified persons from the Province of Bulacan as recommended
15 by a search committee constituted by the President of the BulSU System, in consultation
16 with the Chairperson of the CHED and other members of the Board, based on the
17 guidelines on standard qualifications for the position set by the Board. They shall serve
18 for a term of two (2) years from the date of appointment.

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20 The president of the federation of faculty associations, the president of the
21 federation of student councils, the president of the federation of alumni associations, and
22 the president of the nonteaching personnel association of the BulSU System shall be
23 coterminous with their terms of office, as provided under their respective constitutions
24 and bylaws.

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26 **SEC. 8. Powers and Duties of the Board.** – The administration of the BulSU
27 System and the exercise of its corporate powers are vested in the Board, which shall have
28 the following specific powers and duties in addition to its general powers of
29 administration and the exercise of all the powers granted to the Board of Directors of a
30 Corporation under Section 35 of Republic Act. No. 11232, the Board shall have the
31 following specific powers and duties:

- 32 (a) Promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared State policies on
33 education, other pertinent provisions of the Constitution on education, agriculture, science
34 and technology, and the policies, standards and thrusts of the CHED under Republic Act
35 No. 7722, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Act of 1994”;
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37 (b) Approve the curricula, instructional programs, and rules on student discipline drawn
38 by the Administrative and Academic Councils as herein provided;
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40 (c) Appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of the BulSU System, the vice
41 presidents, deans, directors, heads of the campuses, faculty members, and other officials
42 and employees of the BulSU System;
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44 (d) Fix and adjust the salaries of faculty members, administrative officials and employees,
45 subject to the provisions of the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System
46 and other pertinent budget and compensation laws governing hours of service, and such
47 other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; grant, at its discretion, leaves of
48 absence of its personnel under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of
49 existing law to the contrary notwithstanding; and remove any personnel for cause in
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1 accordance with the requirements of the civil service rules and regulations and due process
2 of law;

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4 (e) Fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as matriculation fees,
5 graduation fees and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose, after due
6 consultation with the concerned sectors. The fees and charges, including government
7 subsidies and other income generated by the BulSU System, shall constitute its special
8 trust funds, and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository bank. All
9 interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of the
10 BulSU System;

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12 Any provision of existing law, rule or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, any
13 income generated by the BulSU System from tuition fees and other charges, as well as
14 from the operation of auxiliary services and land grants, shall be retained by the BulSU
15 System and may be disbursed by the Board for instruction, research, extension services
16 or other programs and projects of the BulSU System: *Provided*, That all fiduciary fees
17 shall be disbursed for the specific purposes for which these are collected: *Provided*,
18 *however*, That if, for reasons beyond its control, the BulSU System shall not be able to
19 pursue any project for which the funds have been appropriated and allocated under its
20 approved program of expenditures, the Board may authorize the use of said funds for any
21 reasonable purpose which, in its discretion, may be necessary and urgent for the
22 attainment of the objectives and goals of the BulSU System;

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24 (f) Adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and other school fees for greater
25 access of poor but deserving students in accordance with Republic Act No. 10931, or the
26 "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act";

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28 (g) Establish professorial chairs in the BulSU System and provide fellowships for
29 qualified faculty members, and scholarships to deserving students;

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31 (h) Receive and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the support of the BulSU
32 System, and all other sums in the manner it may, in its discretion, determine to carry out
33 the purposes and functions of the BulSU System;

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35 (i) Set the policies on admission and graduation of students;

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37 (j) Award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their outstanding contributions
38 in the fields of education, public service, arts, science and technology, sports and human
39 kinetics or any field of specialization within the academic competency of the BulSU
40 System, and authorize the awarding of certificates of completion of nondegree and
41 nontraditional courses;

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43 (k) Establish research and extension centers to promote the development of the BulSU
44 System;

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46 (l) Develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building with appropriate
47 institutions and agencies, whether public, private, local or foreign, and appoint experts or
48 specialists as consultants, part-time, visiting or exchange professors, scholars or
49 researchers, as the case may be;

- 1 (m) Adopt modern and innovative modes of knowledge transfer for the promotion of
2 greater access to education such as the use of information technology, the dual training
3 system, open distance learning, and community laboratory;
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- 5 (n) Collaborate with the governing bodies of other state universities and colleges within
6 the Province of Bulacan and Region III, under the supervision of the CHED and in
7 consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in restructuring the
8 BulSU System to make it more efficient, relevant, productive and competitive;
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- 10 (o) Absorb non-chartered tertiary institutions within the Province of Bulacan and Region
11 III as branches, extension or external centers, in coordination with the CHED and in
12 consultation with the DBM, and offer therein programs or courses to carry out the
13 constitutional mandate of providing equal access of students to educational opportunities;
14
- 15 (p) Authorize an external management audit of the BulSU System, to be financed by the
16 CHED, subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit, and institute
17 reforms, including academic and structural changes, on the basis of the audit results and
18 recommendations;
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- 20 (q) Develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with local government units
21 as well as public, private, local or foreign institutions and agencies for the furtherance of
22 the purposes and objectives of the BulSU System;
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- 24 (r) Import economic, technical and cultural books and publications;
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- 26 (s) Enter into joint ventures with business and industry for the profitable development
27 and management of economic assets, the proceeds of which shall be used for the
28 development and strengthening of the BulSU System;
29
- 30 (t) Receive, in trust, all legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all
31 kinds and administer and dispose of the same, when necessary, for the benefit of the
32 BulSU System and subject to the limitations, directions and instructions of the donor, if
33 any;
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- 35 (u) Extend the term of the President of the BulSU System beyond the age of retirement,
36 but not beyond the age of seventy (70), based on the guidelines, qualifications and
37 standards set by the Board: *Provided*, That the President's performance has been rated by
38 the Board as outstanding and a unanimous recommendation for such extension has been
39 decided upon by the search committee;
40
- 41 (v) Delegate any of its powers and duties provided to the President and other officials of
42 the BulSU System, as it may deem appropriate, so as to efficiently and effectively
43 administer the affairs of the BulSU System;
44
- 45 (w) Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative and transparent decision-
46 making within the BulSU System;
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- 48 (x) Where most advantageous to the BulSU System, privatize the management of
49 nonacademic services such as health, food, building or grounds or property maintenance,
50 and such other similar activities;

1 (y) Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment and other
2 facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property, including the necessary
3 supplies, materials, and equipment; and
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5 (z) Promulgate rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes and
6 functions of the BulSU System.
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8 **SEC. 9. Meetings of the Board.** – The Board shall regularly convene once every
9 three (3) months. The Chairperson of the Board may, however, call a special meeting
10 whenever necessary: *Provided*, That members are notified in writing at least three (3) days
11 prior to the conduct of said meeting.
12

13 A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of all its members holding office
14 at the time of the meeting: *Provided, however*, That the Chairperson of the Board or the
15 President of the BulSU System is among those present in the meeting.
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17 In case the Chairperson of the CHED cannot attend a meeting of the Board, a
18 CHED Commissioner, duly designated by the Chairperson of the CHED as representative
19 to the meeting, shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a regular member: *Provided*,
20 That during the meeting, the President of the BulSU System, as Vice Chairperson, shall
21 be the presiding officer: *Provided, further*, That this provision notwithstanding, the
22 Chairperson of the CHED may designate a CHED Commissioner as the regular
23 Chairperson of the Board, in which case, the said CHED Commissioner shall act as the
24 presiding officer.
25

26 In case the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and
27 Vocational Education and the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education shall
28 not be able to attend the Board meeting, they may designate their respective
29 representatives, who shall have the same rights and responsibilities as regular members
30 of the Board.
31

32 The members of the Board shall not receive any salary, but shall be entitled to
33 reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either for their attendance to
34 the meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by a
35 resolution of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.
36

37 **SEC. 10. The University President.** – The BulSU System shall be headed by a
38 President who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualification
39 standards, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for
40 the purpose of selecting the President.
41

42 The President shall render full-time service and shall have a term of four (4) years
43 and may be reappointed to another term: *Provided*, That upon the effectivity of this Act,
44 the incumbent President of the BulSU System shall serve a term of four (4) years without
45 reappointment.
46

47 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the President
48 of the BulSU System, the Board shall constitute the Search Committee for the Presidency.

1 The powers and duties of the President of the BulSU System, in addition to those
2 specifically provided for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office
3 of the President of similar state universities and colleges and those delegated by the Board.
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5 The salary of the President of the BulSU System shall be in accordance with
6 Republic Act No. 11466, or the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and such other
7 laws amendatory thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and on the joint circular for
8 state universities and colleges’ leveling instruments, and guidelines of the CHED and the
9 DBM.
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11 In case of a vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death, compulsory
12 retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity to perform the functions of the
13 office, the Board shall designate an Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the BulSU System,
14 pending the appointment of a new President: *Provided*, That the OIC shall serve only
15 during the unexpired portion of the term.
16

17 The President of the BulSU System shall be assisted by the following officials:
18 Executive Vice President; Vice President for Academic Affairs; Vice President for
19 Administration, Planning, and Finance; Vice President for Research, Development, and
20 Extension; Vice President for Linkages, Production, and Research Generation; and the
21 Vice President for Quality Assurance. They shall all be appointed by the Board upon the
22 recommendation of the President of the BulSU System.
23

24 **SEC. 11. *The Secretary of the BulSU System.*** – The Board shall appoint a
25 Secretary who shall serve as such for both the Board and the BulSU System and shall
26 keep all records and proceedings of meetings of the Board. The Secretary of the BulSU
27 System shall serve upon each member of the Board the appropriate notice of board
28 meetings.
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30 **SEC. 12. *The Treasurer of the BulSU System.*** – The Treasurer of the
31 Philippines shall be the *ex officio* Treasurer of the BulSU System.
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33 **SEC. 13. *The Administrative Council.*** – There shall be an Administrative
34 Council consisting of the President of the BulSU System as chairperson, and the vice
35 presidents, deans, directors, and other officials of equal rank, as members. The
36 Administrative Council shall review and recommend to the Board the policies that shall
37 govern the administration, management, and development planning of the BulSU System.
38

39 **SEC. 14. *The Academic Council.*** – There shall be an Academic Council, which
40 shall formulate academic policies. It shall be composed of the President of the BulSU
41 System, who shall act as chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an
42 assistant professor, as members.
43

44 The Academic Council shall have the power to review and recommend the
45 curricular offerings and rules on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board.
46 It shall fix the requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their graduation
47 and conferment of degrees, subject to the review and approval of the Board through the
48 President of the BulSU System.

1 It shall exercise disciplinary power over the students of the BulSU System and
2 shall formulate rules and regulations on student discipline, subject to the approval of the
3 Board.
4

5 **SEC. 15. *Heads of University Campuses.*** – The constituent units of the BulSU
6 System shall be clustered into two (2) and each cluster shall be headed by a Chancellor
7 who shall have a term of three (3) years and may be reappointed for another term. The
8 Chancellor shall be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the Search
9 Committee and the BulSU System President, subject to the guidelines on qualification
10 standards set by the Board.
11

12 The campuses under the constituent units of the BulSU System shall each be headed
13 by a Campus Director who shall serve as head or administrator of each of the campuses
14 and shall render full-time service for a term of two (2) years and may be reappointed to
15 another term.
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17 The Campus Director shall be appointed or designated by the Board, upon the
18 recommendation of the Search Committee and the BulSU System President, subject to the
19 guidelines on qualification standards set by the Board: *Provided*, That upon the effectivity
20 of this Act, the incumbent Campus Directors of the existing campuses of the BulSU
21 System shall continue to serve as such.
22

23 **SEC. 16. *The Faculty.*** – No political belief, gender preference, cultural or
24 community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter
25 of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the BulSU System: *Provided*, That
26 said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines on qualification standards set by the
27 Board: *Provided, further*, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any
28 particular church or religious sect.
29

30 **SEC. 17. *Faculty Sabbatical Leave.*** – The BulSU System may grant sabbatical
31 leave to deserving and qualified faculty for purposes of research or community
32 engagement ranging from three (3) months to one (1) year, subject to the recommendation
33 of the Chancellor and the BulSU System President and upon approval of the Board.
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35 Faculty engaged in long-term sabbatical leave shall be temporarily relieved from
36 their teaching duties to conduct research, write, and engage in scholarly or professional
37 activity and required to submit a research output published in a reputable journal.
38

39 **SEC. 18. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The BulSU System
40 shall enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy pursuant to paragraph 2, Section
41 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution.
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43 **SEC. 19. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The BulSU System shall
44 provide scholarship programs and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but
45 deserving students who qualify for admission to the BulSU System.
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47 No student shall be denied admission to the BulSU System by reason of gender,
48 religion, cultural or community affiliation, or ethnic origin.
49

50 **SEC. 20. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment or Supplies, and***
51 ***Detail of Personnel.*** – Upon the request of the President of the BulSU System, the heads

1 of the bureaus and offices of the national government may loan or transfer to the BulSU
2 System such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by it, and detail
3 employees for duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, the
4 apparatus, equipment, supplies or service of such employees can be spared without serious
5 detriment to public service.

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7 The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the
8 President of the BulSU System and the time so served shall be counted as part of their
9 regular service.

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11 **SEC. 21. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All assets, both real and personal,
12 personnel and records of the BulSU System, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall
13 remain under the name of the BulSU System: *Provided*, That the positions, rights, and
14 security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws
15 shall be respected: *Provided, further*, That the incumbents occupying the positions shall
16 remain in the same status until otherwise provided for by the Board: *Provided, finally*,
17 That the BulSU System shall also accordingly upgrade or increase its human resource
18 component as may be deemed appropriate by the Board.

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20 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the BulSU System
21 and all its campuses are hereby declared as property of the BulSU System and shall be
22 titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the BulSU System cease to exist or be
23 abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the
24 BulSU System, the same shall revert to the concerned local government units or to the
25 Province of Bulacan or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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27 **SEC. 22. *Duty and Tax Exemptions.*** – The importation of books or publications,
28 which are for economic, technical-vocational, scientific, philosophical, historical, legal or
29 cultural purposes made by the BulSU System, upon certification by the CHED, shall be
30 exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863,
31 otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act”.

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33 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations, and contributions made to and used
34 actually, directly, and exclusively for educational purposes by the BulSU System, shall
35 be exempt from donor’s tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deductions
36 from gross income for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor in
37 accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as
38 amended.

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40 **SEC. 23. *Development Plan, Management Audit, and Organizational,***
41 ***Administrative, and Academic Structure.*** – Within a period of one hundred twenty (120)
42 days after the approval of this Act, the BulSU System shall accomplish the following:

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44 (a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its program budget to the
45 CHED for recommendation to the DBM;
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47 (b) Set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure, including the
48 appointment of key officials of the BulSU System; and
49
50 (c) Undergo a management audit in coordination with the CHED.
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1 **SEC. 24. *Filing of Report.*** – On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the second
2 (2nd) month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board shall file a detailed
3 report on the progress, condition, and needs of the BulSU System with the Office of the
4 President of the Philippines and both Houses of Congress, through the Chairperson of the
5 CHED.
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7 **SEC. 25. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
8 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part
9 of this Act.
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11 **SEC. 26. *Parity Clause.*** – All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities,
12 and limitations under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the BulSU
13 System and its officials, whenever appropriate.
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15 **SEC. 27. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the initial
16 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the
17 BulSU System. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued
18 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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20 **SEC. 28. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days from
21 the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, formulate rules
22 and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.
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24 **SEC. 29. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
25 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected
26 are in full force and effect.
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28 **SEC. 30. *Repealing Clause.*** – Republic Act No. 7665, entitled “An Act
29 Converting the Bulacan College of Arts and Trades in the Province of Bulacan into a State
30 University to be Known as the Bulacan State University, and Appropriating Funds
31 Therefor”, and other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and
32 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended,
33 repealed, or modified accordingly.
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35 **SEC. 31. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
36 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,