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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR CAMPUS OF CEBU NORMAL
UNIVERSITY IN CENTRAL CEBU CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU
NORMAL UNIVERSITY CENTRAL CEBU CITY CAMPUS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Cebu Normal University (CNU) traces its origins to the establishment of the Cebu Normal School under Act No. 74, enacted by the Philippine Commission in 1902. Later, Republic Act No. 975 elevated CNS to a tertiary-level institution, enabling it to grant a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Elementary Methods. In 1959, the institution began offering a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. By 1960, the Graduate School was founded, with its first graduates emerging in 1966. The transformation of CNS into Cebu Normal College was made official through R.A. No. 5128 in 1967. In 1976, it became Cebu State College (CSC) via Presidential Decree No. 944, and in 1988, it achieved university status under R.A. No. 8688.

Despite the passage of R.A. No. 8688, the University has yet to fully realize its potential in specific areas crucial to aligning with national developments and achieving parity with other institutions. Fields such as medicine, nursing, allied health sciences, law, public health, dentistry, pharmacy, radiology, biomedical technology, midwifery, tourism, hospitality management, business, and economics remain underdeveloped, despite CNU's strategic location in Cebu City, the economic and trade hub of Central Visayas. To address this, the University must expand its mandates and curricular offerings.

CNU's undergraduate and graduate Nursing programs are compliant with CHED's Certificates of Program Compliance (COPC). Notably, BS in Nursing (COPC No. 083, s. 2020), Master of Nursing (COPC No. 074, s. 2022), Doctor of Science in Nursing (COPC No. 076, s. 2022), Master in Nursing (COPC No. 073, s. 2022), and Ph.D. in Nursing (CEB Reso. No. 724-2024) meet CHED standards. In September 2024, CNU launched its one-year Master of Nursing Education (MNE) program, aiming to strengthen nursing education further.

Additionally, the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program is now authorized (COPC, CEB Reso. No. 818-2024). By 2025, the first 22 graduates from the CNU-VSMMC

College of Medicine are anticipated, with their Medical Licensure Examinations slated for 2026. Meanwhile, the Juris Doctor program is under evaluation by the Legal Education Board (LEB) and is expected to launch in the first semester of Academic Year 2025-2026. The University also continues to enhance its tourism programs, contributing to Cebu's development as a premier tourism destination, with Level II Re-Accreditation granted by AACUP.

CNU's reputation for excellence is evidenced by its remarkable 100% passing rate in nursing board examinations over the past 13 years. In the 2024 Philippine Nursing Licensure Examinations (PNLE), CNU secured the Top 1 spot, with eight other examinees placing in the Top 10. Recognized as a Top Performing School, CNU is ranked 3rd among Cebu universities by EduRank and holds a global rank of 95 in the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI).

CNU's faculty is composed of highly qualified professionals, including doctoral and master's degree holders. In the CNAHS, 26% have doctoral degrees, 61% have master's degrees, and 13% hold master's units. The CNU-VSMMC COM faculty includes 34 registered Doctors of Medicine and 110 part-time specialists. The Juris Doctor program anticipates additional faculty positions, while existing staff with advanced business and economics qualifications will support new programs.

Space constraints at CNU's Main Campus in Cebu City limit its capacity to accommodate applicants, including many deserving students, despite the Free Higher Education Act (R.A. No. 10931). To address this, the Provincial Government of Cebu, led by Governor Gwendolyn Pilar F. Garcia, has allocated a 1,460-square-meter lot in Sambag II, Cebu City, under a Usufruct Agreement signed in November 2024. This lot will house the new Central Cebu City Campus, enabling CNU to expand its educational offerings.

The establishment of the Central Cebu City Campus and the expansion of CNU's programs align with the government's vision, under President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., of accessible education for all. These initiatives aim to uplift Filipinos by providing high-quality education, reducing poverty, combating criminality, and fostering sustainable national development.

The passage of this bill is, therefore, earnestly sought.



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*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 CNU Central Cebu
2 City Campus Act".

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4 SEC. 2. **Establishment.** – There is hereby established a Regular Campus of
5 Cebu Normal University in Central Cebu City to be known as the Cebu Normal
6 University-Central Cebu City Campus or CNU-CCCC, for brevity.,

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8 SEC. 3. **General Mandate and Curricular Programs.** – The CNU Central
9 Cebu City Campus shall primarily offer a Doctor of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health
10 Sciences, Juris Doctor or Law, Public Health, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Pharmaceuticals,
11 Radiology, Bio-Medical Technology, Midwifery, Public Health Education, Tourism,
12 Hotel and Hospitality Management, Business and Economics and such programs within
13 its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandates of the CNU, and
14 according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the
15 Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which
16 respond to the human resources development needs of the Province of Cebu and the
17 Central Visayas Region. The Campus shall also offer an Integrated Liberal Arts as well
18 as preparatory courses consisting of basic science, clinical and specialized courses,
19 and graduate degree using a learner-centered, competency-based, and community-
20 oriented approach and such modalities appropriate to various programs or degrees.
21 The primary goal of the CNU Central Cebu City Campus shall be to develop a corps of
22 leaders and professional physicians, nurses, health workers, tourism, hotel, business
23 and economics and various areas to strengthen the healthcare system, tourism and
24 business industry and the economic development of the country, as well as to respond
25 to the human resource development needs of the Province of Cebu and Region VII.

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27 The CNU Central Cebu City Campus is also mandated to undertake research
28 and extension services and provide progressive leadership in these areas.

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2 Toward the said end, the Board shall authorize the offering of medical, nursing
3 and allied health sciences and law programs in other campuses of the University using
4 the 2+2 model or such arrangements, and adopt affirmative programs or actions to
5 ensure access to the degree programs and trainings provided herein in various parts
6 of the Province of Cebu and in Region VII.
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8 **SEC. 4. *Governance.*** – The CNU Central Cebu City Campus, as an institution
9 within the CNU System, shall be governed by the Board of Regents of the CNU,
10 hereinafter referred to as the Board, whose powers are defined under Republic Act
11 No. 8688 otherwise known as, "An Act Converting The Cebu State College Into A State
12 University To Be Known As The Cebu Normal University, And Appropriating Funds
13 Therefor " and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) promulgated by the CNU
14 Board of Regents, and other applicable laws and regulations, unless otherwise
15 provided or amended elsewhere in this Act.
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17 **SEC. 5. *Administration.*** – The administration of the CNU Central Cebu City
18 Campus shall be vested in the Campus Director of the Campus insofar as may be
19 authorized by the Board and/or the University President.
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21 The Campus shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall be appointed by
22 the Board, subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board,
23 and upon the recommendation of the University President of CNU, following a process
24 of consultation with the constituents of the Campus. The Campus Director shall render
25 full-time service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be reappointed to another
26 term.
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28 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the University President
29 of CNU shall constitute the search committee for the Campus Director.
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31 The powers and duties of the Campus Director, in addition to those specifically
32 provided for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office of the
33 Campus Director of similar state universities and colleges and those delegated by the
34 University President of CNU, and as provided under the IRR of R.A. No. 8688 and the
35 University Code promulgated by the CNU Board of Regents.
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37 The salary of the Campus Director shall be in accordance with Republic Act No.
38 11466, otherwise known as the "Salary Standardization Law of 2019", and such other
39 laws amendatory thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable
40 to that being received by the Campus Directors of similar educational institutions.
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42 In case of vacancy in the Office of the Campus Director by reason of death,
43 compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Campus
44 Director to perform the functions of the office, the Board shall, upon the
45 recommendation of the University President, designate an Officer-in-Charge of the
46 Campus, pending the appointment of a new Campus Director: *Provided*, That the
47 Officer-in-Charge shall serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.
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1 The Campus Director shall be assisted by College Deans, Chiefs/Heads of
2 academic programs, internationalization, research and development, publications,
3 innovation, commercialization, administrative, finance, student affairs, security and
4 safety, and such offices as the Board of Regents may create upon recommendation
5 by the University President, faculty members and administrative staff, who shall be
6 appointed/designated by the Board upon recommendation by the University President,
7 subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.

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9 **SEC. 6. *The Colleges and the Deans.*** – The CNU Central Cebu City Campus
10 shall operate and maintain the College of Medicine (COM), College of Law, College of
11 Nursing and Allied Health Sciences (CNAHS), College of Tourism, Hotel, and Hospitality
12 Management (CTHHM), College of Business and Economics (CBE), and such Colleges
13 as the Board of Regents may create taking into consideration the CNU's mandates and
14 the national, regional and institutional development plans and thrusts. *Provided,* That
15 for purposes of this Act, the existing College of Medicine established by the Cebu
16 Normal University-Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (CNU-VSMMC COM) may be
17 maintained subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.

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19 Each College shall be headed by a Dean who shall be appointed by the Board,
20 subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board, and upon the
21 recommendation of the University President of CNU, following a process of
22 consultation with the constituents of the College. The Dean shall render full-time
23 service, serve a term of three (3) years, and may be reappointed to another term.

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25 Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the University President
26 of CNU shall constitute the search committee for the deanship.

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28 The powers and duties of the Dean of the College, in addition to those
29 specifically provided for in this Act, shall include those usually pertaining to the Office
30 of the Dean of similar state universities and colleges and those delegated by the
31 University President of CNU, and as provided under the IRR of R.A. No. 8688 and the
32 University Code promulgated by the CNU Board of Regents.

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34 The salary of the College Deans shall be in accordance with Republic Act No.
35 11466, otherwise known as the "Salary Standardization Law of 2019", and such other
36 laws amendatory thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable
37 to that being received by the Deans of similar educational institutions.

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39 In case of vacancy in the Office of the College Dean by reason of death,
40 compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause, or incapacity of the Dean to
41 perform the functions of the office, the Board shall upon the recommendation of the
42 University President, designate an Officer-in-Charge of the College, pending the
43 appointment of a new Dean: *Provided,* That the Officer-in-Charge shall serve only
44 during the unexpired portion of the term.

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46 Each Dean of the College shall be assisted by an Associate Dean, College
47 Secretary, Academic Heads, Faculty Members and Administrative Staff, who shall be
48 appointed by the Board.

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2 **SEC. 7. The Faculty, Entry-Level Salary, Re-classification or**
3 **Promotion, and Industry Immersion.** – The Board shall, upon the
4 recommendation by the President of the CNU, appoint the faculty members of the
5 Campus: *Provided*, That no political belief, sex, gender, cultural or community
6 affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry
7 in the appointment of faculty members of the Campus: *Provided, further*, That said
8 appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by
9 the Board: *Provided*, finally, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against
10 any particular religious denomination.
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12 The entry-level salary for the Medical and Law faculty members shall be at least
13 Associate Professor IV and V, respectively while for the nursing and allied health
14 sciences shall be at least Assistant Professor III: *provided*, that they shall meet the
15 minimum qualifications and requirements for appointment, re-classification or
16 promotion, and industry immersion prescribed by the Board of Regents and the
17 University subject to pertinent policies promulgated by the Department of Budget and
18 Management (DBM), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and Civil Service
19 Commission (CSC).
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21 **SEC. 8. Scholarship Programs and Admission.** – The CNU Central Cebu
22 City Campus shall provide scholarship and other affirmative action programs to assist
23 poor but deserving student who qualify for admission to the CNU Central Cebu City
24 Campus.
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26 No student shall be denied admission to the Campus by reason of sex, gender,
27 religion, cultural or community affiliation, physical disability, ethnic origin, or any other
28 forms of discrimination.
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30 **SEC. 9. Mandatory Return Service.** – Students who have availed themselves
31 of the scholarship program under Republic Act No. 11509, otherwise known as the
32 "Doktor Para sa Bayan Act", as well as those in the Nursing and Allied Health Sciences
33 and Law or recipients of scholarship programs under relevant laws enacted by the
34 Congress of the Philippines or policies promulgated by the Commission on Higher
35 Education and/or Board of Regents shall render a return service in accordance with
36 relevant law or policies. Students availing themselves of other nationally-funded
37 scholarship programs to complete the various programs under the Campus may be
38 required to render a return service depending on the contract signed between the
39 student and the University represented by the its University President.
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41 **SEC. 10. Highly Technical Research Centers or Institutes.** –The following
42 highly technical research centers or institutes shall are hereby established and shall
43 be operated, maintained and sustained by the University:
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45 1.1. Under the College of Medicine:

- 46 a. Health Systems Research Institute (HSRI).
47 b. Research Center for Applied Health and Behavioral Medicine
48 (RCAHBM).

- c. Research Institute for Collaborative Community Health Partnerships (RICCHP).
- d. Research Institute for Biomedical Sciences and Technology (RIBST).
- e. Research Institute for Digital Health, Medical Simulation and Innovation Technology (RIDHMSIT).
- f. Research Institute for Innovative Medical Education and Services (RIIMDES).
- g. Such research centers/institutes that the CNU Board of Regents may create from time to time.

1.2. Under the College of Nursing and Related Health Sciences:

- a. Research Institute for Ageing and Health (RIAH).
- b. Research Center Women's Health and Protection (RCWHP).
- c. Research Center for Health Policies and Governance (RCHPG).
- d. Research Center for Health Promotion and Protection (RCHPP).
- e. Research Institute for Population and Sustainable Development (RIPSD).
- f. Such research centers/institutes that the CNU Board of Regents may create from time to time.

1.3. Under the College of Law:

- a. Research Institute for International Law Studies (RIILS).
- b. Research Institute for Legal Profession and Paralegal Services (RILPPS).
- c. Research Institute for Indigenous and Local Legal System (RIILLS).
- d. Research Institute for Maritime and Energy Studies (RIMES);
- e. Research Institute for Human Rights and People's Participation (RIHRPP).
- f. Research Institute for Sustainable Public Procurement and Procurement Management (RISPPRM).
- g. Such research centers/institutes that the CNU Board of Regents may create from time to time.

1.4. Under the College of Tourism, Hotel and Hospitality Management:

- a. Research Institute for Sustainable Travel and Aviation/Airline (RISTAR).
- b. Research Institute for Culinary Arts, Food Science, and Innovation (RICCAFSI).
- c. Research Institute for Hospitality Innovation and Leadership (RIHIL).
- d. Research Institute for Tourism and Hospitality Development (RITHD).
- e. Research Institute for Culture, Heritage and Cebuano Studies (RICHCS).
- f. Research Institute for Eco-tourism and Sustainable Development (RICTSD).

- 1 g. Such research centers/institutes that the CNU Board of Regents may
2 create from time to time.

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4 1.5. Under the College of Business and Economics (CBE):
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- 6 a. Research Institute for Rural, Urbanization and National Development
7 (RIRUND).
8 b. Research Institute for International Trade and Industry (RILTI).
9 c. Research Institute for Labor Rights Protection (RILRP).
10 d. Research Institute for Human and Economic Sustainable
11 Development (RIHESD).
12 e. Research Institute for Business and Economics Professionalization
13 and Development (RIBEPD).
14 f. Such research centers/institutes that the CNU Board of Regents may
15 create from time to time.
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17 The Research Centers/Institutes shall be under the direct supervision of the
18 University President through the Vice President for Research, Publications, Innovation,
19 Commercialization and Extension (RPICE). Each research center/institute shall be
20 managed by a Director with entitlements provided to similar administrative positions
21 in the University duly prescribed under existing laws, rules and regulations. Each
22 Director shall be assisted by researchers duly designated from among the faculty
23 members of the University and technical and administrative staff duly hired and/or
24 designated from among the employees of the University, subject to applicable laws,
25 rules and regulations.
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27 Further, the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation by the University
28 President, shall determine the duties, functions and mandates of each institute or
29 center as provided for under this Act or as may be established by the Board of Regents
30 or subsequent laws. Furthermore, the funding requirements of the research
31 centers/institutes shall be charged against the annual General Appropriations Act
32 (GAA), research and development funds, income, grants and financial assistance from
33 both the government and private sectors, and/or such appropriate fund/s of the
34 University, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
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36 SEC. 11. **Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.** – The Campus
37 shall enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy, pursuant to Paragraph 2,
38 Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution.
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40 SEC. 12. **Construction, Establishment, Utilization and Management of**
41 **Buildings.** – The Campus is hereby authorized to construct building/s for the
42 establishment and operation of, among others, serve as tertiary base hospital,
43 auxiliary services and income generating projects in the CNU Central Cebu City
44 Campus located in Barangay Sambang II, Cebu City, which shall primarily serve as a
45 base hospital and clinical practice of its College of Medicine and College of Nursing
46 and Allied Health Sciences and if its capabilities warrant, cater to the base hospital
47 needs of other state universities and colleges in Visayas and other parts of the country
48 offering doctor of medicine programs.

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2 The University President shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with any
3 state university or college availing of the tertiary hospital of the University as the base
4 hospital thereof.
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6 Such building/s shall also house and be utilized for the fourfold functions,
7 operations and mandates of the Colleges created under this Act and such offices,
8 departments or units as the University President and/or Board of Regents may
9 determine.
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11 The buildings or structures so constructed in the Campus shall also serve for
12 auxiliary services and income generating projects, and such entrepreneurial
13 undertakings of the University to further augment its financial capability.
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15 **SEC. 13. *Loan or Transfer of Supplies, Apparatuses, or Equipment, and***
16 ***Detail of Personnel to the College.*** – Heads of national government agencies and
17 instrumentalities and local government units may, upon the request of the Board
18 through the President of the CNU, loan or transfer supplies, apparatuses, or
19 equipment, and detail of personnel to the Campus: *Provided*, That such loan, transfer
20 or detail shall not be detrimental to public service.
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22 The personnel to be detailed to the Campus shall perform such duties as may
23 be deemed required by the Campus Director upon recommendation by Dean of the
24 College and the time spent for such duties, duly approved by the University President,
25 shall be counted as part of the detailed personnel's regular service.
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27 **SEC. 14. *Assets, Liabilities, and Personnel.*** – All appropriations, assets,
28 both real and personal, personnel, and records of the Campus, as well as its liabilities
29 or obligations, shall be titled or named after the CNU.
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31 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the Campus
32 shall be the property of the CNU, and titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the
33 Campus cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land
34 be no longer needed by the CNU, the same shall revert to the Province of Cebu or to
35 the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.
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37 **SEC. 15. *Authority to Loan or Transfer.*** – The heads of bureaus and offices
38 of the national government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of
39 the president of the University, such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be
40 needed by the University, and to detail employees for duty therein when, in the
41 judgment of the head of bureau or office, such apparatus, equipment, supplies or
42 services of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to public service.
43 Employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the president
44 of the University, and the time so employed shall be counted as part of their regular
45 services.
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47 **SEC. 16. *Land Grants and Other Real Properties of the University.*** – The
48 State may support the University in the form of a lump sum amount in the annual

1 General Appropriations Act and other financial benefits, and in kind, through land
2 grants and donations, use or purchase of other real properties. To carry out the intent
3 of these grants, income derived from the development of all land grants and real
4 properties shall be used to further the curricular programs and mandates of the
5 Campus as well as the fourfold functions of the of the university namely, instruction,
6 research, extension and production services, as may be determined and decided by
7 the Board.

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9 Such parcels of land ceded by law, decree or presidential issuance to the
10 University are hereby declared to be reserved for the purpose intended. The absolute
11 ownership of the University over those landholdings, including those covered by
12 original and transfer certificates of title in the name of the University and their future
13 derivatives, is hereby confirmed. Where the issuance of proper certificates of title for
14 those landholdings is yet pending, the appropriate government office may expedite
15 the issuance thereof within six (6) months from the date of effectivity of this
16 Act: *Provided*, That all registration requirements necessary for the issuance of the said
17 titles have been submitted and complied with.

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19 The Board may plan, design, approve and cause the implementation of land
20 leases: *Provided*, That such mechanisms and arrangements shall sustain and protect
21 the environment in accordance with law, and be exclusive of the academic core zone
22 of the campuses of the University: *Provided*, further, That such mechanisms and
23 arrangements shall not conflict with the academic mission of the University.

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25 The Board may approve the implementation of the joint
26 ventures: *Provided*, That in the event real properties of the University are involved,
27 only the income derived by the University from the use of the real properties shall be
28 subject of its participation or obligation in the joint ventures: *Provided*, further, That
29 no joint venture shall result in the alienation of the real properties of the University.

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31 Any plan to generate revenues and other sources from land grants and other
32 real properties entrusted to the University shall be consistent with the academic
33 mission and orientation of the university as well as protect it from undue influence
34 and control of commercial interests: *Provided*, That such programs, projects or
35 mechanisms shall be approved by the Board subject to a transparent and democratic
36 process of consultation with the constituents of the University.

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38 **SEC. 17. *Tax Exemptions.*** – The provisions of any general or special law to
39 the contrary notwithstanding:

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41 (a) All revenues and assets of the University or Campus/College used actually,
42 directly and exclusively for educational and sustainable development
43 purposes or in support thereof shall be exempt from all taxes and duties;
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45 (b) All grants, gifts, bequests, endowments, donations and contributions of real
46 and personal properties of all kinds made to and used actually, directly and
47 exclusively for educational and sustainable development purposes by the
48 University shall be exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be

1 considered as allowable deductions from gross income for purposes of
2 computing the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the
3 provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended:
4 *Provided*, That the allowable deductions shall be equivalent to one hundred
5 fifty percent (150%) of the value of such donation. Valuation of assistance
6 other than money shall be based on the acquisition cost of the property.
7 Such valuation shall take into consideration the depreciation value of the
8 property in case the property has been used;
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10 (c) Importation by the University or Campus/College of economic, technical,
11 vocational, scientific, philosophical, historical and cultural books, supplies
12 and materials duly certified by the Board and the Commission on Higher
13 Education (CHED), including scientific, information and communications
14 technology, and educational computer and software equipment, shall be
15 exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of Republic
16 Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the "Customs Modernization and Tariff
17 Act (CMTA)";
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19 (d) The educational services rendered by the University shall be except from
20 value-added tax in accordance with Section 109(H) of the NIRC of 1997, as
21 amended; and
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23 (e) All academic monetary incentives and nonmonetary awards provided by the
24 donors and other benefactors shall be exempt from taxes."
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26 **SEC. 18. *Compliance with CHED and Legal Education Board (LEB)***
27 ***Requirements.*** – The CNU shall ensure continuing compliance with the applicable
28 policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED and the LEB, as the case may be.
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30 **SEC. 19. *Rules of Construction.*** – No statutory or other issuances shall
31 diminish the powers, rights, privileges and benefits accorded to the University under
32 this Act, or those enjoyed at present by virtue of other issuances not otherwise
33 modified or repealed under this Act, unless subsequent legislation expressly provides
34 for their repeal, amendment or modification. Any case of doubt in the interpretation
35 of any of the provisions of hereof shall be resolved in favor of the academic freedom
36 and fiscal autonomy of the University.
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38 **SEC. 20. *Supplementary Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
39 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997," and Republic
40 Act No. 8688 "An Act Converting the Cebu State College Into a State University to Be
41 Known as the Cebu Normal University, And Appropriating Funds Therefor" and their
42 respective Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRRs) shall form an integral part of
43 this Act and its IRR and shall serve as part of the governing charter of the Campus.
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45 **SEC. 21. *Parity Clause.*** – All other powers, functions, privileges,
46 responsibilities, and limitations under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or
47 imposed upon the University and its officials whenever appropriate.
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1 SEC. 22. **Development and Investment Plans, and Organizational**
2 **Structure.** – Within One Hundred Twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act,
3 the University shall accomplish the following:
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- 5 (a) Submit a five (5) year development and investment plans, including its
6 corresponding program budget to the CHED and DBM;
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8 (b) Set up its organization, as well as its academic structure, and designate the
9 designated officials and hiring of faculty members and administrative
10 personnel of the College and the research institutes or centers of the
11 University, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations;
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13 (c) Update the Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP); and
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15 (d) Secure additional plantilla positions, including technical, support to
16 technical, and key administrative positions for the Campus and its Colleges,
17 and augmentations of personnel services allocation from the DBM, in order
18 to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the administration and
19 management of the University, toward the attainment of its mandates,
20 vision, mission, and objectives.
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22 The Board may direct for the updating of the deliverables in Section (a)(c)
23 above every five (5) years or as often as necessary which shall be in harmony with
24 the national development plan.
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26 SEC. 23. **Transitory Provision.** – To provide strategic direction and
27 leadership as the Campus and College transitions, and to ensure the attainment of its
28 distinctive and purposeful mandates as such, as declared and provided for in this Act,
29 the incumbent Campus Director and the concerned College Deans of CNU, if qualified,
30 shall serve a new term as its first Campus Director or Dean of the College, as the case
31 may be, subject to one (1) reappointment: *Provided*, That such reappointment is
32 pursuant to the guidelines prescribed by the Board, upon recommendation by the
33 University President.
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35 SEC. 24. **Appropriations.** – An amount of Two Billion Pesos
36 (PhP2,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated to be used, among others, for the
37 construction of the building/s as mandated under Section 11 in this Act, hiring of
38 qualified faculty members and staff, procurement of vehicles and state-of-the-art
39 facilities necessary for the operations of the tertiary hospital, auxiliary services, income
40 generating projects and such entrepreneurial undertakings and of the college or
41 University as its Board of Regents may deem appropriate. Thereafter, the amount
42 necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General
43 Appropriations Act.
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45 SEC. 25. **Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the University**
46 **Code and Manual of Operations.** – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of
47 this Act, the Board, in consultation with the CHED, shall formulate the rules and
48 regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

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2 Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the promulgation of the IRR, the
3 University President shall, upon consultation with and review by the Academic Council
4 and Administrative Council, submit to the Board of Regents for action on the University
5 Code and Manual of Operations and such policies of the offices, colleges, departments,
6 units, sections and services of the Campus.
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8 *Provided,* That the IRR, University Code and the Manual of Operations and such
9 policies may be reviewed, updated or enhanced at least every five (5) years or as
10 often as may be necessary.
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12 SEC. 26. ***Separability Clause.*** – Should any provision herein be declared
13 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this
14 Act.
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16 SEC. 27. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations
17 or other issuances or parts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended,
18 repealed, or modified accordingly.
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20 SEC. 28. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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23 Approved,
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