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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11780]

AN ACT INTEGRATING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PSU-CCRD) EXTERNAL CAMPUSES IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA AS REGULAR CAMPUSES OF PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY (PSU), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7818, 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 "Palawan State University-College of Community Resources Development (PSU-CCRD) External Campuses Act".

SEC. 2. The Palawan State University-College of Community Resources Development (PSU-CCRD) External Campuses in the following municipalities of the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa, namely: PSU-Narra, PSU-Quezon, PSU-Brooke's Point, PSU-Roxas, PSU-Taytay, PSU-Coron, PSU-Sofronio Española, PSU-Rizal, PSU-Bataraza, PSU-Balabac, PSU-Dumaran, PSU-San Vicente, PSU-Linapacan, PSU-Araceli, PSU-El Nido and PSU-San Rafael located in Barangay San Rafael in the City of Puerto Princesa shall be integrated as regular campuses of the PSU.

The PSU Main Campus, the PSU-Cuyo Campus (formerly Palawan College of Arts and Trade) in the Municipality of Cuyo, Palawan, which was integrated into the main campus, and the regular campuses of PSU established under this Act shall be collectively referred to as the University.

SEC. 3. The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational courses, undergraduate, and graduate programs within its competency and areas of specialization pursuant to its mandate and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and those which respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Palawan and the Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, and Palawan (MIMAROPA) Region.

The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa are also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 4. The governance of the Campuses shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents of the PSU, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

SEC. 5. The University President shall exercise overall supervision and management of the campuses. The PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa shall each be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and be appointed or designated by the Board, upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board: *Provided*, That upon the effectivity of this Act, the incumbent Campus Directors of the existing campuses of the PSU shall continue to serve as such. SEC. 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel, and records of the PSU-CCRD External Campuses located in the municipalities of Narra, Quezon, Brooke's Point, Roxas, Taytay, Coron, Sofronio Española, Rizal, Bataraza, Balabac, Dumaran, San Vicente, Linapacan, Araceli, El Nido, and San Rafael, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to their conversion into regular campuses shall be respected: *Provided*, That the incumbents occupying the positions shall remain in the same status until otherwise provided by the Board: *Provided*, *further*, That the University shall also accordingly upgrade or increase its human resource component as may be deemed appropriate by the governing Board.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the PSU-CCRD External Campuses in the Province of Palawan and in the City of Puerto Princesa are hereby transferred to the University, and shall be titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the campuses or 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 local government units concerned.

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

The municipalities of Narra, Quezon, Brooke's Point, Roxas, Taytay, Coron, Sofronio Española, Rizal, Bataraza, Balabac, Dumaran, San Vicente, Linapacan, Araceli, El Nido, and San Rafael shall provide the same financial support to the respective external campuses until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the campuses shall be included in the annual GAA.

SEC. 8. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", and Republic Act Nos. 9832 and 11169 shall form an integral part of this Act, and shall serve as part of the governing charter of the University. SEC. 9. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. 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. 11. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved. VICENTE C SOTTO III President of the Senate

lans LORD ALLAN JAY O. VELASCO

Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on September 1, 2020, amended by the Senate of the Philippines on January 31, 2022, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on February 2, 2022.

MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA Secretary of the Senate

MARK LLANDROL. MENDOZA Secretary General Horse of Representatives

Approved:

MAY 2 9 2022 Without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI. Section 27 (1) of the Constitution

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE President of the Philippines