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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 288RECEIVED BY: 

Submitted Jointly by the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture and the  
 Committee on Finance on APR 14 2009.

Re: Senate Bill No. 3157 (Prepared by the Committees)

Recommending its approval in substitution of S.B. Nos. 280 and 554

Sponsors: Senators Mar Roxas, Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr., Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada, and  
 Edgardo J. Angara

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education, Arts and Culture and the Committee on Finance, to  
 which were primarily and secondarily referred Senate Bill No. 280, introduced by Senator  
 Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr., entitled:

## "AN ACT

ELEVATING THE PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY TO BECOME THE  
 COUNTRY'S NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION;  
 ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL TEACHER TRAINING AND  
 DEVELOPMENT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; AND FOR OTHER  
 PURPOSES," and

Senate Bill No. 554, introduced by Senator Jinggoy P. Ejercito Estrada, entitled:

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 DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
 PURPOSES"

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the  
 recommendation that the attached bill, S.B. No. 3157, prepared by the Committees  
 entitled:

## "AN ACT

DESIGNATING THE PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY AS THE COUNTRY'S  
 NATIONAL CENTER FOR TEACHER EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
 THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

be approved in substitution of S.B. Nos. 280 and 554, with Senators Pimentel Jr., Ejercito  
 Estrada, and Roxas, as authors thereof.

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:*



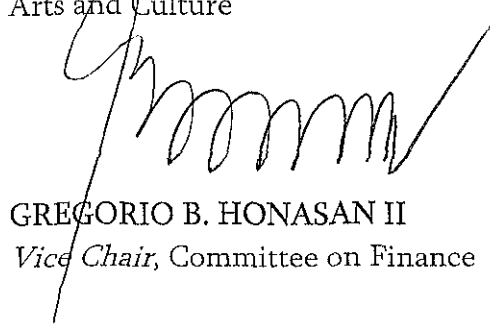
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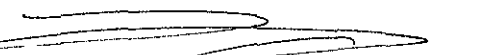
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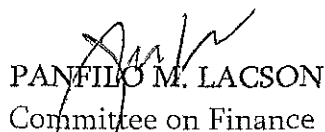
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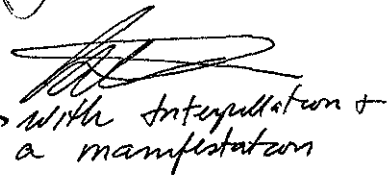
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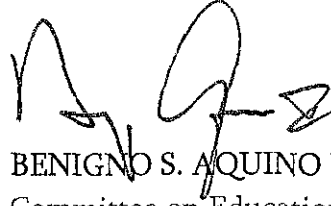
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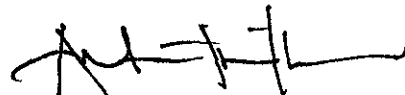
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of my proposed  
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S. B. No. 3157

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(In substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 280 and 554)

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INTRODUCED BY SENATORS MAR ROXAS, AQUILINO PIMENTEL JR., JINGGOY  
EJERCITO ESTRADA, EDGARDO ANGARA, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES ON  
EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE AND FINANCE

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AN ACT  
DESIGNATING THE PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY AS THE  
COUNTRY'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR TEACHER EDUCATION,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This act shall be known as the “*Philippine Normal University*  
2 *Modernization Act of 2009*”.

3 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* –It is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
4 give priority to the continuing professional training and development of all Filipino teachers  
5 and optimize the potentials of the country’s teaching force to increase access to, promote  
6 equity in, and improve the quality of basic and higher education. The State shall likewise  
7 give priority to studies in education with emphasis on innovations and alternative systems  
8 and their utilization and application to teacher training and development.

9 SECTION 3. *National Center for Teacher Education.* – This Act designates the  
10 Philippine Normal University (PNU) as the National Center for Teacher Education. As such,  
11 the PNU, in addition to the powers and functions provided for in its charter, shall perform  
12 the following:

- 1 a) Provide technical support to the Department of Education (DepEd) and the  
2 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in their programs and projects that chart  
3 policies and recommendations on teacher training, teacher education, continuing  
4 professional education of teachers and academic supervisors, and teacher education  
5 curricula;
- 6 b) Build and develop a database of education policies to serve as a resource to the  
7 country's policymakers;
- 8 c) Conduct researches, case studies, and other appropriate methodologies to enhance  
9 curriculum and training designs for teacher training, teacher education, and  
10 continuing professional education of teachers and academic supervisors; and
- 11 d) As may be directed by Congress, provide assistance to legislators in the design and  
12 analysis of legislative proposals concerning teacher training, teacher education,  
13 continuing professional education of teachers and academic supervisors, teacher  
14 education curricula, and other issues affecting teacher education.

15 **SECTION 4. *Teacher Education Standards Development.*** – As the National Center for  
16 Teacher Education, the PNU shall make an annual presentation to the DepEd, CHED, the  
17 House and Senate Committees on Education, and other education institutions on its proposed  
18 standards for teacher training, teacher education, continuing professional education of  
19 teachers and academic supervisors, and teacher education curricula. Such presentation shall  
20 be made available to the general public especially to teachers and academic supervisors. The  
21 presentation shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

- 22 a) Necessary competencies of teachers and academic supervisors in their various fields of  
23 specialization;
- 24 b) Innovative strategies and alternative modalities of teaching and learning; and

- 1 c) Information and communication technology breakthroughs to assist the process of  
2 teaching and learning.

3 SECTION 5. *Education Policy Research and Development.* – As the National Center  
4 for Teacher Education, the PNU shall establish an Education Policy Research and  
5 Development Office which shall:

- 6 a) Establish and maintain a database of education policies and significant issues facing  
7 the country's education system as well as the education systems of other countries  
8 especially in the Asia Pacific region;
- 9 b) Create and test different models of teacher education, address key factors in successful  
10 teacher education programs and determine which model would best achieve the  
11 country's education goals;
- 12 c) Provide a systematic dissemination of research output on teacher education to make  
13 them readily available to end users such as teachers, and academic supervisors;
- 14 d) Share research expertise and competence in education research with other Teacher  
15 Education Institutions throughout the country, Provided that, the research funding of  
16 other state universities and colleges shall in no way be affected by the provisions of  
17 this Act;
- 18 e) Advise the country's policy-makers and decision-makers in planning, implementing  
19 and evaluating reforms in teacher education including the licensing of professional  
20 teachers;
- 21 f) Assist in the assessment of government programs on education. As such, PNU may be  
22 required by any government agency to comment and/or make recommendations  
23 regarding the different policies and programs on education; and
- 24 g) Conduct periodic studies in aid of crafting responsive policies and programs on  
25 education.

1           SECTION 6. *Philippine Normal University Modernization Program.* --The Philippine

2 Normal University shall prepare a modernization plan to fulfill its mandate as the National  
3 Center for Teacher Education, and to upgrade its capability to provide pre-service and in-  
4 service formation for our country's teachers.

5           The modernization plan shall enhance curricular programs to make them relevant  
6 and responsive to the needs of society and address the educational needs of communities.  
7 The plan shall also include a program for staff development as well as for the upgrading of  
8 services, facilities and equipment in the University.

9           The proposed modernization plan shall be submitted to the University's Board of  
10 Regents for their approval.

11           SECTION 7. *Tax Exemptions.* -- The provisions of any general or special law to the  
12 contrary notwithstanding:

13           a) All revenues and assets of the Philippine Normal University used actually, directly  
14 and exclusively for educational purposes or in support thereof shall be exempt from  
15 all taxes and duties;

16           b) Gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds shall be exempt from  
17 the donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deductions from the  
18 gross income of the donor, in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal  
19 Revenue Code of 1997, as amended: *Provided*, That the allowable deductions shall be  
20 equivalent to one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the value of such donation.  
21 Valuation of assistance other than money shall be based on the acquisition cost of the  
22 property. Such valuation shall take into consideration the depreciated value of  
23 property in case said property has been used;

24           c) Importation of economic, technical, vocational, scientific, philosophical, historical  
25 and cultural books, supplies and materials duly certified by the Board, including

1 scientific and educational computer and software equipment, shall be exempt from  
2 customs duties;

3 d) The University shall only pay zero percent (0%) Value Added Tax for all transactions  
4 subject to this tax; and

5 e) All academic monetary awards shall be exempt from taxes.

6 SECTION 8. *Appropriations.* – The amount of Two Hundred Fifty Million Pesos  
7 (Php250,000,000) necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby appropriated  
8 entirely for capital outlay in addition to the current year’s appropriations for the Philippine  
9 Normal University .

10 For the succeeding five (5) years, the amount of One Hundred Million Pesos  
11 (P100,000,000) shall be appropriated per year in addition to the annual appropriations for  
12 capital outlay of the Philippine Normal University.

13 Thereafter, the amount necessary to sustain the program shall be included in the  
14 annual appropriations of the PNU.

15 SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any part, section or provision of this Act is held  
16 invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force  
17 and effect.

18 SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* –All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or  
19 other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or  
20 modified accordingly.

21 SECTION 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
22 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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24 Approved,