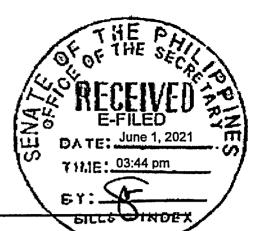
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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 17 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development."

On 11 June 1978, President Ferdinand Marcos signed into law Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1436 or the Charter of the Cagayan State University (CSU). According to CSU, the Charter consolidated existing post-secondary institutions, converting them into a single legal entity. These were the Cagayan Valley College of Arts and Trades at Tuguegarao, the Northern Luzon State College of Agriculture at Piat, the Aparri Institute of Technology, the Cagayan Valley Agricultural College at Lallo, the Bukig National Agricultural and Technical School in Aparri West, the Sanchez Mira Rural Vocational School, the Western Cagayan School of Arts and Trades at Lasam and the Gonzaga National Agricultural and Technical School.

Today, CSU is known to be one of the largest and finest higher education institutions in Region 2. Under its Charter, the college is mandated to meet its thrusts in Education, Research, Extension, and Generation. CSU is established in eight (8) campuses: Andrews, Aaparri, Carig, Gonzaga, Lal-lo, Lasam, Piat, and Sanchez Mira, offering a wide array of baccalaureate, pre-baccalaureate, and post-baccalaureate programs. CSU was also able to produce topnotchers in varying board exams. In the 2021 Licensure Examination for Medical Technologist, three graduates of CSU made it to the top 10.

CSU is indeed an institution driven to produce globally competent graduates through excellent instruction, innovative and creative research, responsive public service and productive industry and community engagement. The additional campus will bolster its mandate and provide greater accessibility to future enrollees within Cagayan as well as those from neighboring provinces.

This bill seeks to convert the Solana Extension campus of the Cagayan State University in the Municipality of Solana, Province of Cagayan into a regular campus to be known as the Cagayan State University-Solana Campus to enable the institution to continue its mandate and provide quality instructional services, further scientific studies and researches, and more efficient way of transporting, packaging and commercializing technologies through extension services to the community.

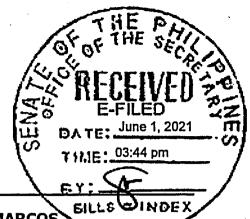
In view of the foregoing, the expeditious passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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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 "Cagayan State University (CSU)-Solana Campus Act".
- **SEC. 2.** The Solana Extension Campus of the CSU located in the Municipality of Solana, Province of Cagayan, is hereby converted into a regular campus, to be known as the CSU-Solana Campus.
- **SEC. 3.** The CSU-Solana Campus shall primarily provide short-term technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the CSU, and according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resources development needs of the Province of Cagayan and Region 11. It is also mandated to undertake research and extension services and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.
- **SEC. 4.** The CSU-Solana Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications and standards, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus Administrator.
- **SEC. 5.** The CSU shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the CSU-Solana Campus, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.
- **SEC. 6.** All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the Solana Extension Campus of the CSU, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be

transferred to the CSU. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to its conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the Solana Extension Campus of the CSU shall be transferred to the CSU: Provided, That should the CSU-Solana Campus or the CSU cease to exist or be abolished, or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the CSU, the same shall revert to the local government unit concerned or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

- **SEC. 7.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.
- **SEC. 8.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The Municipality of Solana shall continue to fund the operation and maintenance of the CSU-Solana Campus until such time that the amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual GAA.

- **SEC. 9.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.
- **SEC. 10.** If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Act shall be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- **SEC. 11.** All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, proclamations, rules, regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- **SEC. 12.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulations.

Approved,