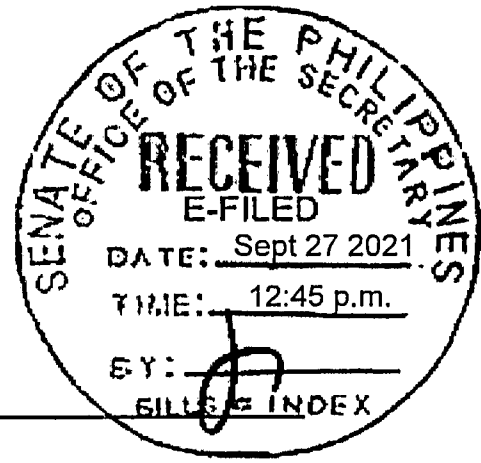


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SENATE



COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 322

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education;
Ways and Means; and Finance on Sept 27 2021.

Re: House Bill No. 8188

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 8188 with amendments, taking into
consideration Senate Bill No. 2120

Sponsor: Senator Joel Villanueva

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Ways and
Means; and Finance, to which were referred **House Bill No. 8188**, introduced by
Representatives Kristine Singson-Meehan, Mark O. Go, Eric Go Yap and Joey Sarte
Salceda, entitled:

"AN ACT

**CONVERTING THE ILOCOS SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE
COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARIA, PROVINCE
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taking into consideration **Senate Bill No. 2120**, introduced by Senator Imee R. Marcos, entitled:

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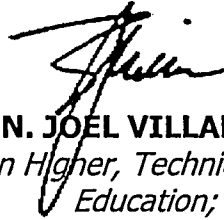
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have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 8188, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2120, be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 2, lines 21 and 22, delete the phrase "Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as amended, otherwise known as "The Corporation Code of the Philippines"" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase **"REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11232, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "REVISED CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES""**.

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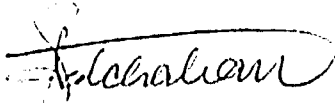
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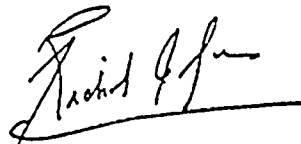
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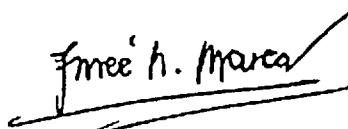
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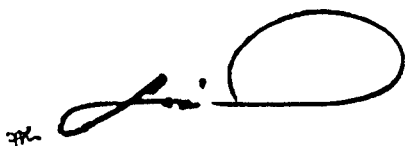
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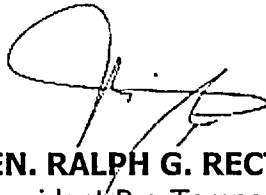


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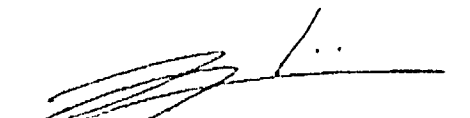
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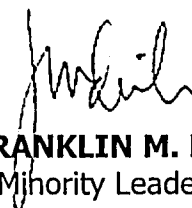
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H. No. 8188

BY REPRESENTATIVES SINGSON-MEEHAN, GO (M.), YAP (E.) AND SALCEDA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 642

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE ILOCOS SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARIA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, AND ALL ITS CAMPUSES IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE NORTH LUZON PHILIPPINES STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF CANDON, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILOCOS SUR PHILIPPINES POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. Conversion/Integration.** – The Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College
2 (ISPSC) located in the Municipality of Sta. Maria, with campuses in the Municipalities of
3 Narvacan, Tagudin, Santiago, Cervantes, and in the City of Candon, all in the Province of Ilocos
4 Sur, as well as other campuses that will be created prior to the effectivity of this Act, is hereby
5 converted into a state university, and integrating therewith the North Luzon Philippines State
6 College (NLPSC) located in the City of Candon, Province of Ilocos Sur, to be known as the
7 Ilocos Sur Philippines Polytechnic University (ISPPU). Its main campus shall be located in the
8 Municipality of Sta. Maria, Province of Ilocos Sur.

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10 Upon effectivity of this Act, notwithstanding compliance with the requirements of the
11 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for a university status, the NLPSC shall immediately
12 be integrated into the existing ISPSC as a regular campus to be known as the ISPSC-Candon
13 City Campus. *Provided further,* That, the existing ISPSC-Candon City Campus shall be
14 renamed as the ISPSC-Darapidap Campus.

15
16 **SEC. 2. General Mandate.** – The ISPPU shall primarily provide advance education,
17 higher professional and technological instruction, technical and vocational education and training
18 in humanities, engineering, science and technology, agriculture, business and entrepreneurship,
19 and other relevant fields of study. It shall also undertake research and extension services and

1 production activities in support of the socio-economic development of the Province of Ilocos Sur
2 and Region I.
3

4 **SEC. 3. Curricular Offerings.** The ISPPU shall offer short-term technical
5 vocational, undergraduate, graduate courses, and post-graduate programs, within its competency
6 and areas of specialization in the fields of agriculture, education, business administration, culture
7 and arts, technology, engineering, architecture, health sciences, criminal justice education, and
8 other degree courses, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem
9 necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to meet the human
10 resource development needs of the Province of Ilocos Sur and Region I.
11

12 The existing reasonably-sized laboratory junior high school shall continue to operate
13 under the supervision of the College of Education of the ISPPU to serve the in-campus
14 requirements of its students.
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16 The existing and any other future technical-vocational courses or programs under the
17 supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall
18 continue to be offered in the ISPPU.
19

20 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The ISPPU shall have the general powers of a corporation
21 set forth in Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as amended, otherwise known as “The Corporation Code of
22 the Philippines”. The exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board
23 and the President of the ISPPU.
24

25 **SEC. 5. The Governing Board.** – The governing body of the ISPPU shall be the
26 Board, which shall be chaired and co-chaired by the Chairperson of the CHED and the President
27 of the ISPPU, respectively, and with the following, as members:
28

- 29 a. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education of
30 the Senate;
31 b. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House
32 of Representatives;
33 c. Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority;
34 d. Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology;
35 e. Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture;
36 f. Regional Director of the TESDA;
37 g. President of the federation of faculty associations of the ISPPU;
38 h. President of the federation of student councils of the ISPPU;
39 i. President of the federation of alumni associations of the ISPPU; and
40 j. Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished
41 themselves in their professions or fields of specialization.
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43 The Board shall appoint two (2) prominent citizens who shall be selected from a list of
44 at least five (5) qualified persons from the Province of Ilocos Sur as recommended by a search
45 committee constituted by the President of the ISPPU, in consultation with the Chairperson of the
46 CHED and other members of the Board, based on the standards and qualifications for the

1 position set by the Board. They shall serve for a term of two (2) years from the date of
2 appointment.

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4 The membership of the President of the federation of faculty associations, the
5 President of the federation of student councils, and the President of the federation of alumni
6 associations in the board shall be coterminous with their terms of office, as provided under their
7 respective constitutions and bylaws.

8
9 **SEC. 6. Powers and Duties of the Board of Regents.** In addition to its general
10 powers of administration and the powers granted to the board of directors of a corporation under
11 existing laws, the Board shall have the following specific powers and duties:

12
13 a. Promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared State policies
14 on education, other pertinent provisions of the Constitution on education, agriculture,
15 science and technology, and the policies, standards and thrusts of the CHED under Republic Act
16 No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994";

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18 b. Approve the curricula, instructional programs, and rules on student discipline
19 drawn by the Administrative and Academic Councils as herein provided;

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21 c. Appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of the ISPPU, the vice
22 presidents, deans, directors, heads of the campuses, faculty members, and other officials and
23 employees of the ISPPU;

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25 d. Fix and adjust the salaries of faculty members, administrative officials and
26 employees, subject to the provisions of the Revised Compensation and Position Classification
27 System and other pertinent budget and compensation laws governing hours of service, and such
28 other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; grant them, at its discretion, leaves of
29 absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of existing law to the
30 contrary notwithstanding; and remove them for cause in accordance with the requirements of due
31 process of law;

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33 e. Fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as matriculation fees,
34 graduation fees and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose, after due
35 consultation with the concerned sectors. The fees and charges, including government subsidies
36 and other income generated by the ISPPU, shall constitute its special trust funds, and shall be
37 deposited in any authorized government depository bank. All interests that shall accrue
38 therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of the ISPPU.

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40 Any provision of existing law, rule or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, any
41 income generated by the ISPPU from tuition fees and other charges, as well as from the
42 operation of auxiliary services and land grants, shall be retained by the ISPPU and may be
43 disbursed by the Board for instruction, research, extension services or other programs and
44 projects of the ISPPU: *Provided*, That all fiduciary fees shall be disbursed for the specific
45 purposes for which these are collected: *Provided, however*, That if, for reasons beyond its
46 control, the ISPPU shall not be able to pursue any project for which the funds have been

1 appropriated and allocated under its approved program of expenditures, the Board may authorize
2 the use of said funds for any reasonable purpose which, in its discretion, may be necessary and
3 urgent for the attainment of the objectives and goals of the ISPPU;

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

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9 g. Establish professorial chairs in the ISPPU and provide fellowships for qualified
10 faculty members, and scholarships to deserving students;

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12 h. Receive and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the support of the
13 ISPPU, and all other sums in the manner it may, in its discretion, determine to carry out the
14 purposes and functions of the ISPPU;

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16 i. Set the policies on admission and graduation of students;

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18 j. Award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their outstanding
19 contribution in the fields of education, public service, arts, science and technology, agriculture or
20 any field of specialization within the academic competency of the ISPPU, and authorize the
21 awarding of certificates of completion of nondegree and nontraditional courses;

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23 k. Establish research and extension centers to promote the development of the
24 ISPPU;

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26 l. Develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building with
27 appropriate institutions and agencies, whether public, private, local or foreign, and appoint
28 experts or specialists as consultants, part-time, visiting or exchange professors, scholars or
29 researchers, as the case may be;

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31 m. Adopt modern and innovative modes of transmitting knowledge for the promotion
32 of greater access to education such as the use of information technology, dual training system,
33 open distance learning, and community laboratory;

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35 n. Collaborate with the governing bodies of other state universities and colleges
36 within the province of Ilocos Sur and Region 1, under the supervision of the CHED and in
37 consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in restructuring the
38 IPSSU to make it more efficient, relevant, productive and competitive;

39
40 o. Absorb non-chartered tertiary institutions within the province of Ilocos Sur and
41 Region 1 as branches, extension or external centers, in coordination with the CHED and in
42 consultation with the DBM, and offer therein programs or courses to carry out the constitutional
43 mandate of providing equal access to educational opportunities;

44
45 p. Authorize an external management audit of the ISPPU, to be financed by the
46 CHED, subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit, and institute reforms,

1 including academic and structural changes, on the basis of the audit results and
2 recommendations;

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4 q. Develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with local government
5 units (LGUs), as well as public, private, local or foreign institutions and agencies, in the
6 furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the ISPPU;

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8 r. Import economic, technical and cultural books and publications;

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10 s. Enter into joint ventures with business and industry for the profitable
11 development and management of economic assets, the proceeds of which shall be used for the
12 development and strengthening of the ISPPU;

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14 t. Receive, in trust, legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of
15 all kinds and administer and dispose of the same, when necessary, for the benefit of the ISPPU
16 and subject to the limitations, directions and instructions of the donor, if any;

17
18 u. Extend the term of the President of the ISPPU beyond the age of retirement, but
19 not beyond the age of seventy (70), based on the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by
20 the Board: *Provided*, That the President's performance has been rated by the Board as
21 outstanding and a unanimous recommendation for such extension has been decided upon by the
22 search committee;

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24 v. Delegate any of its powers and duties provided to the President and other officials
25 of the ISPPU, as it may deem appropriate, so as to expedite the administration of the affairs of
26 the ISPPU;

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28 w. Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative and transparent
29 decision-making within the ISPPU;

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31 x. Where most advantageous to the ISPPU, privatize the management of
32 nonacademic services such as health, food, building, grounds or property maintenance, and such
33 other similar activities;

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35 y. Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment and
36 other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property, including the necessary
37 supplies, materials and equipment; and

38
39 z. Promulgate rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes
40 and functions of the ISPPU.

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42 **SEC. 7. Meetings of the Board.** - The Board shall regularly convene once every
43 three (3) months. The Chairperson of the Board may, however, call a special meeting whenever
44 necessary: *Provided*, That members are notified in writing at least three (3) days prior to the
45 conduct of said meeting.

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1 A quorum of the Board shall consist of majority of all its members holding office at the
2 time of the meeting: *Provided, however,* That the Chairperson of the Board or the President of
3 the ISPPU is among those present in the meeting.
4

5 In case the Chairperson of the CHED cannot attend a meeting of the Board, a CHED
6 Commissioner duly designated by the Chairperson of the CHED as representative to the meeting,
7 shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a regular member: *Provided,* That during the
8 meeting, the President of the ISPPU, as Vice Chairperson, shall be the presiding officer:
9 *Provided, further,* That this provision notwithstanding, the Chairperson of the CHED is hereby
10 authorized to designate a CHED Commissioner as the regular Chairperson of the Board, in
11 which case, the said CHED Commissioner shall act as the presiding officer.
12

13 In case the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational
14 Education and the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education shall not be able to
15 attend the Board meeting, they may designate their respective representatives to attend the
16 meeting, who shall have the same rights and responsibilities as regular members of the Board.
17

18 The members of the Board shall not receive any salary, but shall be entitled to
19 reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either for their attendance to the
20 meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by resolutions of
21 the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.
22

23 **SEC. 8. *The University President.*** – The ISPPU shall be headed by a President who
24 shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications and standards, and
25 based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting
26 the President.
27

28 The President shall render full-time service and shall have a term of four (4) years and
29 may be reappointed to another term: *Provided,* That in order to effect the smooth transition of the
30 college to a state university, the incumbent President of the ISPPU, if qualified, shall serve as the
31 first President of the ISPPU.
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33 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the incumbent
34 President of the ISPPU, the Board shall constitute the search committee for the Presidency.
35

36 The powers and duties of the President of the ISPPU, in addition to those specifically
37 provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of similar
38 universities and those delegated by the Board.
39

40 The salary of the President of the ISPPU shall be in accordance with Republic Act No.
41 11466 or the “Salary Standardization Law of 2019”, and by such other laws amendatory thereto,
42 which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to that being received by the
43 presidents of similar educational institutions.
44

45 The Board shall designate an Officer-in-Charge of the ISPPU in case of a vacancy in the
46 Office of the President by reason of death, compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for

1 cause, or incapacity of the President to perform the functions of the office, pending the
2 appointment of a new President: *Provided*, That the Officer-in-Charge shall serve only during the
3 unexpired portion of the term.
4

5 The President of the ISPPU shall be assisted by a Vice President for Academic Affairs, a
6 Vice President for Administration, and a Vice President for Research and Development,
7 Extension, Services and Training, who shall all be appointed by the Board upon the
8 recommendation of the President.
9

10 **SEC. 9. *The Secretary of the University.*** – The Board shall appoint a Secretary who
11 shall serve as such for both the Board and the ISPPU and shall keep all records and proceedings
12 of meetings of the Board. The Secretary of the ISPPU shall serve upon each member of the
13 Board the appropriate notice of board meetings.
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15 **SEC. 10. *The Treasurer of the University.*** – The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be
16 the *ex officio* Treasurer of the ISPPU.
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18 **SEC. 11. *The Administrative Council.*** – There shall be an Administrative Council
19 consisting of the President of the ISPPU as chairperson, and the vice presidents, deans, directors
20 and other officials of equal rank as members, that shall review and recommend to the Board the
21 policies that shall govern the administration, management and development planning of the
22 ISPPU.
23

24 **SEC. 12. *The Academic Council.*** – There shall be an Academic Council, which shall
25 formulate academic policies. It shall be composed of the President of the ISPPU, who shall act as
26 chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an assistant professor, as members.
27

28 The Academic Council shall have the power to review and recommend the curricular
29 offerings and rules on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board. It shall fix the
30 requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their graduation and conferment of
31 degrees, subject to the review and approval of the Board through the President of the ISPPU. It
32 shall exercise disciplinary power over the students of the ISPPU and shall formulate rules and
33 regulations on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board.
34

35 **SEC. 13. *Heads of University Campuses.*** – The Campus Directors shall respectively
36 serve as heads or administrators of the ISPPU's campuses and render full-time service.
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38 They shall be appointed or designated by the Board, upon recommendation of the search
39 committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the
40 Board: *Provided*, That, upon the effectivity of this Act, the incumbent Campus Directors of the
41 existing campuses of the ISPPU shall continue to serve as such.
42

43 **SEC. 14. *The Faculty.*** – No political belief, gender preference, cultural or
44 community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a matter of
45 inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the ISPPU: *Provided*, That said appointment
46 shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board: *Provided*,

1 further, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or
2 religious sect.
3

4 **SEC. 15. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The ISPPU shall enjoy
5 academic freedom and institutional autonomy pursuant to paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV
6 of the Constitution.
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8 **SEC. 16. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The ISPPU shall provide scholarship
9 and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for
10 admission to the ISPPU.
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12 No student shall be denied admission to the ISPPU by reason of gender, religion, cultural
13 or community affiliation, physical disability or ethnic origin.
14

15 **SEC. 17. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment, Supplies and Detail of***
16 ***Personnel.*** – The heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government are hereby
17 authorized to loan or transfer, upon the request of the President of the ISPPU, such apparatus,
18 equipment or supplies as may be needed by the ISPPU, and detail employees for duty therein
19 when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, such apparatus, equipment, supplies or
20 service of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to public service.
21

22 The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the President
23 of the ISPPU and the time thus served shall be counted as part of their regular service.
24

25 **SEC. 18. *Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.*** – All assets, real and personal, personnel,
26 and records of the ISPSC and the NLPSC, as well as their liabilities or obligations, are hereby
27 transferred to the ISPPU: *Provided*, That the positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty
28 members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the conversion into a
29 university shall be respected: *Provided, further*, That the incumbents occupying the positions
30 shall remain in the same status until otherwise provided for by the Board: *Provided, finally*, That
31 the ISPPU shall also accordingly upgrade or increase its human resource component as may be
32 deemed appropriate by the Board.
33

34 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the ISPSC and the NLPSC
35 and all its campuses are hereby declared property of the ISPPU, and shall be titled under its
36 name: *Provided*, That should the ISPPU cease to exist or be abolished or should such
37 aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the ISPPU, the same shall revert to the
38 concerned LGU or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.
39

40 **SEC. 19. *Tax Exemption on Importation and Donations.*** – The importation by the
41 ISPPU of economic, technical and cultural books or publications, which are for economic,
42 technical, vocational, scientific, philosophical, historical or cultural purposes shall, upon
43 certification by the CHED, be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of
44 Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act
45 (CMTA)”.
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1 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations and contributions made to and used actually,
2 directly and exclusively for educational purposes by the ISPPU, shall be exempt from donor's
3 tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from the gross income of the donor
4 for purposes of computing the taxable income of the donor, in accordance with the provisions of
5 the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.
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7 **SEC. 20. *Establishment of Research Centers.*** In order to effectively carry out its
8 mandate, there are hereby established the following research facilities:
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- 10 a. *Fisheries and Aquamarine Resources Research Center* - shall primarily focus on the
11 creation of knowledge and technologies that will contribute to the responsible use as well
12 as the protection of the aquamarine resources;
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14 b. *Forest Advancement and Resources Management Research Center* - shall focus on the
15 protection and preservation, as well as the creation of research-based policies for the
16 preservation, of local flora and other forest resources;
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18 c. *ISPPU Center for Rural Health Research, Reform and Policy* - shall primarily focus on
19 the creation of knowledge, policies, innovation, and technologies that will redound to the
20 health benefits of the local, national, and global communities;
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22 d. *Animal Research Center* - shall focus on the generation of knowledge and technologies
23 that will promote an effective generation and management of veterinary resources;
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25 e. *Tobacco and Agricultural Research Center* - center shall primarily focus on the
26 generation of knowledge and adoption of technologies that shall enhance the tobacco
27 industry, and the agriculture industry as a whole, that will redound to the benefit of the
28 tobacco growers and the farmers in general;
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30 f. *Indigenous Peoples Education Research Center* - shall focus on the preservation and
31 protection of indigenous peoples and communities by undertaking studies and activities
32 towards this end; and
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34 g. *Public Administration and Governance Policy Research Center* - shall primarily focus on
35 the generation of knowledge and the creation of policies to improve the public service
36 sector of the society.
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38 Whenever necessary, the University shall create consortia to promote a wider scope of
39 operation and ensure a bigger community of beneficiaries of the research center herein created.
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41 **SEC. 21. *Compliance with CHED Requirements.*** - The provisions of this Act
42 notwithstanding, the conversion of the ISPSC to a state university shall become effective only
43 upon the determination and declaration by the CHED; based on the recommendation of a panel
44 of experts constituted for the purpose, that the institution has complied with the requirements for
45 a university status based on CHED Memorandum Order No. 46, series of 2012 (Policy-Standard
46 to Enhance Quality Assurance (QA) in Philippine Higher Education Through an Outcomes-

1 Based and Typology-Based QA): *Provided*, That the panel may issue such recommendation
2 when the ISPSC has substantially complied with the requirements for the grant of university
3 status.
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5 The following operational requirements for a university, as established by the CHED,
6 shall be complied with:
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8 a. Employment of full-time, permanent faculty members who possess relevant
9 degrees in their areas of specialization, as required by the CHED, and shall have participated in
10 research and development activities in their respective disciplines, as evidenced by refereed
11 publications and other scholarly outputs;
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13 b. Offering of a comprehensive range of degree programs in all levels, from basic
14 post-secondary to doctoral programs;
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16 c. Conduct of viable research programs in specific disciplinary and multidisciplinary
17 areas of study that produce new knowledge, as evidenced by refereed publications, citations,
18 inventions, and patents, among others;
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20 d. Establishment and maintenance of comprehensive learning resources and support
21 structures, to include libraries, practicum laboratories, relevant educational resources, and
22 linkages with relevant disciplinary and professional sectors, so as to allow students to explore
23 basic, advance, and even cutting-edge knowledge in a wide range of disciplines or professions;
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25 e. Maintenance of linkages and affiliation with other research institutions in various
26 parts of the world to ensure that the research activities of the ISPPU are functioning at current
27 global standards; and regional office, shall regularly provide technical assistance to the ISPPU
28 and monitor its compliance with the requirements of the Commission.
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30 The ISPSC shall retain its status as a state college prior to the effectivity of this Act until
31 it is able to comply with the requirements provided herein.
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33 **SEC. 22. *Development Plan, Management Audit, and Organizational, Administrative***
34 ***and Academic Structure.*** – Within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval
35 of this Act, the ISPPU shall accomplish the following:
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37 a. Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its program and budget to the
38 CHED for recommendation to the DBM;
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40 b. Set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure, including the
41 appointment of key officials of the ISPPU; and
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43 c. Undergo a management audit in coordination with the CHED.
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45 **SEC. 23. *Filing of Report.*** – On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the second (2nd)
46 month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board shall file with the Office of the
47 President of the Philippines, through the Chairperson of the CHED, and with both Houses of

1 Congress, a detailed report on the progress, conditions, and needs of the ISPPU.
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3 **SEC. 24. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise
4 known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act and
5 serve as part of the governing charter of the ISPPU.
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7 **SEC. 25. *Parity Clause.*** – All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and
8 limitations under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the ISPPU and its
9 officials, whenever appropriate.
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11 **SEC. 26. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act
12 shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of the ISPSC and the NLPSC.
13 Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the
14 ISPPU shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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16 **SEC. 27. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the
17 effectivity of this Act, the Board, in consultation with the CHED, shall formulate the rules and
18 regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.
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20 **SEC. 28. *Separability Clause.*** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is
21 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain
22 in full force and effect.
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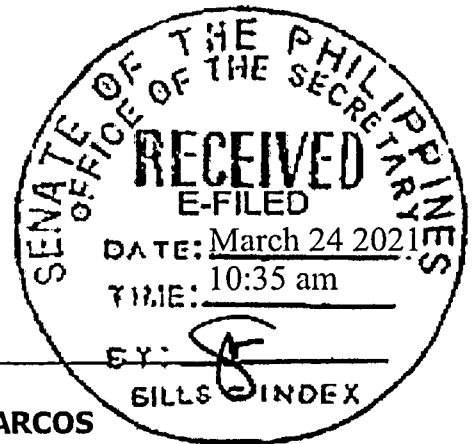
24 **SEC. 29. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules
25 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or
26 modified accordingly.
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28 **SEC. 30. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
29 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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Second Regular Session)

SENATE
S.B. No. 2120



Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ILOCOS SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARIA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, AND ALL ITS CAMPUSES IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE NORTH LUZON PHILIPPINES STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF CANDON, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILOCOS SUR PHILIPPINES POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

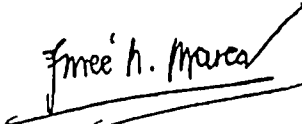
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution provides that "*the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.*" The Constitution further mandates that the State establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

The Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC) and its campuses, and the North Luzon Philippines State College (NLPSC) have undergone several institutional transformations to meet the demands of the communities that they serve. The ISPSC has campuses all over the 2nd District, with the main campus in Sta. Maria and extension campuses in the city of Candon and the municipalities of Narvacan, Tagudin, Santiago, and Cervantes, and the NLPSC is at the center and the capital of the district in Candon City. These schools are strategically located making them accessible to the youth including the indigenous people from the upland areas of Ilocos Sur and those from nearby municipalities of the Cordillera Administrative Region. It is just imperative to integrate ISPSC and the NLPSC into a university not only to consolidate the resources of the national government and complement the endeavors of the provincial government but also to give the youth of the Second District of Ilocos Sur a university they deserve.

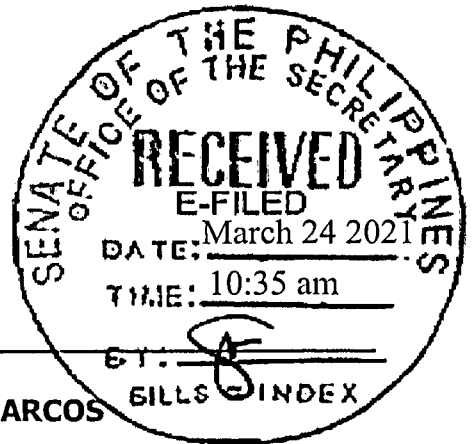
Hence, this bill seeks to convert the Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC) into a university to be known as the Ilocos Sur Philippines Polytechnic University (ISPPU), and integrate therewith the North Luzon Philippines State College (NLPSC).

For the foregoing reasons, the 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:

1 **SECTION 1. Conversion/Integration.** – The Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College
2 (ISPSC) located in the Municipality of Sta. Maria, with campuses in the Municipalities of
3 Narvacan, Tagudin, Santiago, Cervantes, and in the City of Candon, all in the Province
4 of Ilocos Sur, as well as other campuses that will be created prior to the effectivity of
5 this Act, is hereby converted into a state university, and integrating therewith the North
6 Luzon Philippines State College (NLPSC) located in the City of Candon, Province of Ilocos
7 Sur, to be known as the Ilocos Sur Philippines Polytechnic University (ISPPU). Its main
8 campus shall be located in the Municipality of Sta. Maria, Province of Ilocos Sur.

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10 Upon effectivity of this Act, notwithstanding compliance with the requirements
11 of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for a university status, the NLPSC shall
12 immediately be integrated into the existing ISPSC as a regular campus to be known as
13 the ISPSO–Candon City Campus: *Provided further*, That, the existing ISPSC-Candon City
14 Campus shall be renamed as the ISPSC-Darapidap Campus.

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16 **SEC. 2. General Mandate.** – The ISPPU shall primarily provide advance
17 education, higher professional and technological instruction, technical and vocational
18 education and training in humanities, engineering, science and technology, agriculture,
19 business and entrepreneurship, and other relevant fields of study. It shall also

1 undertake research and extension services and production activities in support of the
2 socio-economic development of the Province of Ilocos Sur and Region I.

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4 **SEC. 3. Curricular Offerings.** – The ISPPU shall offer short-term technical
5 vocational, undergraduate, graduate courses, and post-graduate programs, within its
6 competency and areas of specialization in the fields of agriculture, education, business
7 administration, culture and arts, technology, engineering, architecture, health sciences,
8 criminal justice education, and other degree courses, as the Board of Regents,
9 hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary for the accomplishment of
10 its objectives, and those which respond to meet the human resource development
11 needs of the Province of Ilocos Sur and Region I.

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13 The existing reasonably-sized laboratory junior high school shall continue to
14 operate under the supervision of the College of Education of the ISPPU to serve the in-
15 campus requirements of its students.

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17 The existing and any other future technical-vocational courses or programs under
18 the suspension of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
19 shall continue to be offered in the ISPPU.

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21 **SEC. 4. Administration.** – The ISPPU shall have the general powers of a
22 corporation set forth in Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as amended, otherwise known as “The
23 Corporation Code of the Philippines”. The exercise of its corporate powers shall be
24 vested exclusively in the Board and the President of the ISPPU.

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26 **SEC. 5. The Governing Board.** – The governing body of the ISPPU shall be the
27 Board, which shall be chaired and co-chaired by the Chairperson of the CHED and the
28 President of the ISPPU, respectively, and with the following, as-members:

- 29 a. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational
30 Education of the Senate;
31 b. Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the
32 House
33 of Representatives;
34 c. Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority;
35 d. Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology;
36 e. Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture;
37 f. Regional Director of the TESDA;
38 g. President of the federation of faculty associations of the ISPPU;
39 h. President of the federation of student councils of the ISPPU;
40 i. President of the federation of alumni associations of the ISPPU; and
41 j. Two (2) prominent citizens from the private sector who have distinguished
42 themselves in their professions or fields of specialization.

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2 The Board shall appoint two (2) prominent citizens who shall, be selected from
3 a list of at least five (5) qualified persons from the Province of Ilocos Sur as
4 recommended by a search committee constituted by the President of the ISPPU, in
5 consultation with the Chairperson of the CHED and other members of the Board, based
6 on the standards and qualifications for the position set by the Board. They shall serve
7 for a term of two (2) years from the date of appointment.
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9 The membership of the President of the federation of faculty associations, the
10 President of the federation of student councils, and the President of the federation of
11 alumni associations in the board shall be coterminous with their terms of office, as
12 provided under their respective constitutions and bylaws.
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14 **SEC. 6. Powers and Duties of the Board of Regents.** – In addition to its general
15 powers of administration and the powers granted to the board of directors of a
16 corporation under existing laws, the Board shall have the following specific powers and
17 duties;

- 18 a. Promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared State
19 policies on education, other pertinent provisions of the Constitution on
20 education, agriculture, science and technology, and the policies, standards
21 and thrusts of the CHED under Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as
22 the "Higher Education Act of 1994";
23 b. Approve the curricula, instructional programs, and rules on student discipline
24 drawn by the Administrative and Academic Councils as herein provided;
25 c. Appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of the ISPPU, the vice
26 presidents, deans, directors, heads of the campuses, faculty members, and
27 other officials and employees of the ISPPU;
28 d. Fix and adjust the salaries of faculty members, administrative officials and
29 employees, subject to the provisions of the Revised Compensation and
30 Position Classification System and other pertinent budget and compensation
31 laws governing hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it
32 may deem proper; grant them, at its discretion, leaves of absence under such
33 regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of existing law to the contrary
34 notwithstanding; and remove them for cause in accordance with the
35 requirements of due process of law;
36 e. Fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as matriculation
37 fees, graduation fees and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to
38 impose, after due consultation with the concerned sectors. The fees and
39 charges, including government subsidies and other income generated by the
40 ISPPU, shall constitute its special trust funds, and shall be deposited in any
41 authorized government depository bank. All interests that shall accrue
42 therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of the ISPPU.

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

- f. Adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and other school fees for greater access of poor but deserving students in accordance with Republic Act No. 10931 or the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act";
- g. Establish professorial chairs in the ISPPU and provide fellowships for qualified faculty members, and scholarships to deserving students;
- h. Receive and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the support of the ISPPU, and all other sums in the manner it may, in its discretion, determine to carry out the purposes and functions of the ISPPU;
- i. Set the policies on admission and graduation of students;
- j. Award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their outstanding contribution in the fields of education, public service, arts, science and technology, agriculture or any field of specialization within the academic competency of the ISPPU, and authorize the awarding of certificates of completion of nondegree and nontraditional courses;
- k. Establish research and extension centers to promote the development of the ISPPU;
- l. Develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building with appropriate institutions and agencies, whether public, private, local or foreign, and appoint experts or specialists as consultants, part-time, visiting or exchange professors, scholars or researchers, as the case may be;
- m. Adopt modern and innovative modes of transmitting knowledge for the promotion of greater access to education such as the use of information

- 1 technology, dual training system, open distance learning, and community
2 laboratory;
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- 4 n. Collaborate with the governing bodies of other state universities and colleges
5 within the province of Ilocos Sur and Region 1, under the supervision of the
6 CHED and in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management
7 (DBM), in restructuring the IPSSU to make it more efficient, relevant,
8 productive and competitive;
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- 10 o. Absorb non-chartered tertiary institutions within the province of Ilocos Sur
11 and Region 1 as branches, extension or external centers, in coordination with
12 the CHED and in consultation with the DBM, and offer therein programs or
13 courses to carry out the constitutional mandate of providing equal access to
14 educational opportunities;
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- 16 p. Authorize an external management audit of the ISPPU, to be financed by the
17 CHED, subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit, and
18 institute reforms, including academic and structural changes, on the basis of
19 the audit results and recommendation;
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- 21 q. Develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with local
22 government units (LGUs), as well as public, private, local or foreign
23 institutions and agencies, in the furtherance of the purposes and objectives
24 of the ISPPU;
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- 26 r. Import economic, technical and cultural books and publications;
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- 28 s. Enter into joint ventures with business and industry for the profitable
29 development and management of economic assets, the proceeds of which
30 shall be used for the development and strengthening of the ISPPU;
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- 33 t. Receive, in trust, legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties
34 of all kinds and administer and dispose of the same, when necessary, for the
35 benefit of the ISPPU and subject to the limitations, directions and instructions
36 of the donor, if any;
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- 38 u. Extend the term of the President of the ISPPU beyond the age of retirement,
39 but not beyond the age of seventy (70), based on the guidelines,
40 qualifications and standards set by the Board; Provided, That the Resident's
41 performance has been rated by the Board as outstanding and a unanimous
42 recommendation for such extension has been decided upon by the search
43 committee;
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- 1 v. Delegate any of its powers and duties provided to the President and other
2 officials of the ISPPU, as it may deem appropriate, so as to expedite the
3 administration of the affairs of the ISPPU;
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5 w. Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative and transparent
6 decision-making within the ISPPU;
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8 x. Where most advantageous to the ISPPU, privatize the management of
9 nonacademic services such as health, food, building, grounds or property
10 maintenance, and such other similar activities;
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12 y. Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment
13 and other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property,
14 including the necessary supplies, materials and equipment; and
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16 z. Promulgate rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the
17 purposes and functions of the ISPPU.
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19 **SEC. 7. Meetings of the Board.** – The Board shall regularly convene once every
20 three (3) months. The Chairperson of the Board may, however, call a special meeting
21 whenever necessarily: *Provided*, That members are notified in writing at least three (3)
22 days prior to the conduct of said meeting.
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24 A quorum of the Board shall consist of majority of all its members holding office
25 at the time of the meeting; *Provided*, however, That the Chairperson of the Board or
26 the President of the ISPPU is among those present in the meeting.
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28 In case the Chairperson of the CHED cannot attend a meeting of the Board, a
29 CHED Commissioner duly designated by the Chairperson of the CHED as representative
30 to the meeting, shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a regular member:
31 *Provided*, That during the meeting, the President of the ISPPU, as Vice Chairperson,
32 shall be the presiding officer. *Provided*, further. That this provision notwithstanding,
33 the Chairperson of the CHED is hereby authorized to designate a CHED Commissioner
34 as the regular Chairperson of the Board, in which case, the said CHED Commissioner
35 shall act as the presiding officer.
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37 In case the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and
38 Vocational Education and the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education
39 shall not be able to attend the Board meeting, they may designate their respective
40 representatives to attend the meeting, who shall have the same rights and
41 responsibilities as regular members of the Board.
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43 The members of the Board shall not receive any salary, but shall be entitled to
44 reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either for their attendance

1 to the meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by
2 resolutions of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.

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4 **SEC. 8. *The University President.*** – The ISPPU shall be headed by a President
5 who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines on qualifications and
6 standards, and based on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted
7 for the purpose of selecting the President.

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9 The President shall render full-time service and shall have a term of four (4)
10 years and may be reappointed to another term: *Provided*, That in order to effect the
11 smooth transition of the college to a state university, the incumbent President of the
12 ISPPU, if qualified, shall serve as the first President of the ISPPU.

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14 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the incumbent
15 President of the ISPPU, the Board shall constitute the search committee for the
16 Presidency.

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18 The powers and duties of the President of the ISPPU, in addition to those
19 specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the
20 President of similar universities and those delegated by the Board.

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22 The salary of the President of the ISPPU shall be in accordance with Republic
23 Act No. 11466 or the "Salary Standardization Law of 2019", and by such other laws
24 amendatory thereto, which may hereinafter be enacted, and shall be comparable to
25 that being received by the presidents-of similar educational institutions.

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27 The Board shall designate an Officer-in-Charge of the ISPPU in case of a vacancy
28 in the Office of the President by reason of death, compulsory retirement, resignation,
29 removal for cause, or incapacity of the President to perform the functions of the office,
30 pending the appointment of a new President: *Provided*, That the Officer-in-Charge shall
31 serve only during the unexpired portion of the term.

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33 The President of the ISPPU shall be assisted by a Vice President for Academic
34 Affairs, a Vice President for Administration, and a Vice President for Research and
35 Development, Extension, Services and Training, who shall all be appointed by the Board
36 upon the recommendation of the President.

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38 **SEC. 9. *The Secretary of the University.*** – The Board shall appoint a Secretary
39 who shall serve as such for both the Board and the ISPPU and shall keep all records
40 and proceedings of meetings of the Board. The Secretary of the ISPPU shall serve upon
41 each member of the Board the appropriate notice of board meetings.

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43 **SEC. 10. *The Treasurer of the University.*** – The Treasurer of the Philippines
44 shall be the *ex officio* Treasurer of the ISPPU.

1 **SEC. 11. *The Administrative Council.*** – There shall be an Administrative Council
2 consisting of the President of the ISPPU as chairperson, and the vice presidents, deans,
3 directors and other officials of equal rank as members, that shall review and
4 recommend to the Board the policies that shall govern the administration, management
5 and development planning of the ISPPU.
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7 **SEC. 12. *The Academic Council.*** – There shall be an Academic Council, which
8 shall formulate academic policies. It shall be composed of the President of the ISPPU,
9 who shall act as chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an assistant
10 professor, as members.
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12 The Academic Council shall have the power to review and recommend the
13 curricular offerings and rules on student discipline, subject to the approval of the Board.
14 It shall fix the requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their graduation
15 and conferment of degrees, subject to the review and approval of the Board through
16 the President of the ISPPU. It shall exercise disciplinary power over the students of the
17 ISPPU and shall formulate rules and regulations on student discipline, subject to the
18 approval of the Board.
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20 **SEC. 13. *Heads of University Campuses.*** – The Campus Directors shall
21 respectively serve as heads or administrators of the ISPPU’s campuses and render full-
22 time service.
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24 They shall be appointed or designated by the Board, upon recommendation of
25 the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and
26 standards set by the Board: Provided, That, upon the effectivity of this Act, the
27 incumbent Campus Directors of the existing campuses of the ISPPU shall continue to
28 serve as such.
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30 **SEC. 14. *The Faculty.*** – No political belief, gender preference, cultural or
31 community affiliation or ethnic origin, nor religious opinion or affiliation shall be a
32 matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the ISPPU: *Provided,* That
33 said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by
34 the Board: *Provided, further,* That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against
35 any particular church or religious sect.
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37 **SEC. 15. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.*** – The ISPPU shall
38 enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy pursuant to paragraph 2, Section
39 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution.
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41 **SEC. 16. *Scholarship Programs and Admission.*** – The ISPPU shall provide
42 scholarship and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students
43 who qualify for admission to the ISPPU.

1 No student shall be denied admission to the ISPPU by reason of gender, religion,
2 cultural or community affiliation, physical disability or ethnic origin.

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4 **SEC. 17. Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus, Equipment, Supplies and**
5 **Detail of Personnel.** – The heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government
6 are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon the request of the President of the
7 ISPPU, such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by the ISPPU, and
8 detail employees for duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office,
9 such apparatus, equipment, supplies or service of such employees can be spared
10 without serious detriment to public service.

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12 The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the
13 President the ISPPU and the time thus served shall be counted as part of their regular
14 service.

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16 **SEC. 18. Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.** - All assets, real and personal,
17 personnel, and records of the ISPSC and the NLPSC, as well as their liabilities or
18 obligations, are hereby transferred to the ISPPU: *Provided*, That the positions, rights
19 and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under
20 existing laws prior to the conversion into a university shall be respected: *Provided*,
21 *further*, That the incumbents occupying the positions shall remain in the same status
22 until otherwise provided for by the Board: *Provided, finally*, That the ISPPU shall also
23 accordingly upgrade or increase its human resource component as may be deemed
24 appropriate by the Board.

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26 All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the ISPSC and the
27 NLPSC and all its campuses are hereby declared property of the ISPPU, and shall be
28 titled under its name: *Provided*, That should the ISPPU cease to exist or be abolished
29 or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the ISPPU, the
30 same shall revert to the concerned LGU or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the
31 case may be.

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33 **SEC. 19. Tax Exemption on Importation and Donations.** – The importation by
34 the ISPPU of economic, technical and cultural books or publications, which are for
35 economic, technical, vocational, scientific, philosophical, historical or cultural purposes
36 shall, upon certification by the CHED, be exempt from customs duties in accordance
37 with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the "Customs
38 Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)".

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40 All grants, bequests, endowments, donations and contributions made to and
41 used actually, directly and exclusively for educational purposes by the ISPPU, shall be
42 exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from
43 the gross income of the donor for purposes of computing the taxable income of the

1 donor, in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of
2 1997, as amended.

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4 **SEC. 20. *Establishment of Research Centers.*** – In order to effectively carry out
5 its mandate, there are hereby established the following research facilities;

- 6 a. Fisheries, and Aquamarine Resources Research Center - shall primarily focus on
7 the creation of knowledge and technologies that will contribute to the
8 responsible use as well as the protection of the aquamarine resources;
- 9 b. Forest Advancement and Resources Management Research Center - shall focus
10 on the protection and preservation, as well as the creation of research-based
11 policies for the preservation) of local, flora and other forest resources;
- 12 c. ISPPU Center for Rural Health Research, Reform and Policy - shall primarily focus
13 on the creation of knowledge, policies, innovation, and technologies that will
14 redound to the health benefits of the local, national, and global communities;
- 15 d. Animal Research Center - shall focus on the generation of knowledge and
16 technologies that will promote an effective generation and management of
17 veterinary resources;
- 18 e. Tobacco and Agricultural Research Center - center shall primarily focus on the
19 generation of knowledge and adoption of technologies that shall enhance the
20 tobacco industry, and the agriculture industry as a whole, that will redound to
21 the benefit of the tobacco growers and the farmers in general;
- 22 f. Indigenous Peoples Education Research Center - shall focus on the preservation
23 and protection of indigenous peoples and communities by undertaking studies
24 and activities towards this end; and
- 25 g. Public Administration and Governance Policy Research Center - shall primarily
26 focus on the generation of knowledge and the creation of policies to improve
27 the public service sector of the society.

28 Whenever necessary, the University shall create consortia to promote a wider
29 scope of operation and ensure a bigger community of beneficiaries of the research
30 center herein created.

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32 **SEC. 21. *Compliance with CHED Requirements.*** – The provisions of this Act
33 notwithstanding, the conversion of the ISPSC to a state university shall become
34 effective only upon the determination and' declaration by the CHED; based on the
35 recommendation of a panel of experts constituted for the purpose, that the institution
36 has complied with the requirements for a university status based on CHED
37 Memorandum Order No. 46, series of 2012 (Policy-Standard to Enhance Quality
38 Assurance (QA) in Philippine Higher Education Through an Outcomes-Based and
39 Typology-based QA) Provided, That the panel may issue such recommendation when
40 the ISPSC has substantially complied with the requirements for the grant of university
41 status.

42 The following operational requirements for a university, as established by the
43 CHED, shall be complied with:

1 a. Employment of full-time, permanent faculty members who possess relevant
2 degrees in their areas of specialization, as required by the CHED, and shall have
3 participated in research and development activities in their respective disciplines, as
4 evidenced by refereed publications and other scholarly outputs;

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6 b. Offering of a comprehensive range of degree programs in all levels, from
7 basic post-secondary to doctoral programs;

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9 c. Conduct of viable research programs in specific disciplinary and multidisciplinary
10 areas of study that produce new knowledge, as evidenced by refereed publications,
11 citations, inventions, and patents, among others;

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13 d. Establishment and maintenance of comprehensive learning resources and
14 support structures, to include libraries, practicum laboratories, relevant educational
15 resources, and linkages with relevant disciplinary and professional sectors, so as to allow
16 students to explore basic, advance, and even cutting-edge knowledge in a wide range
17 of disciplines or professions;

18 e. Maintenance of linkages and affiliation with other research institutions in
19 various parts of the world to ensure that the research activities of the ISPPU are
20 functioning at current global standards; and regional office, shall regularly provide
21 technical assistance the ISPPU and monitor its compliance with the requirements of the
22 Commission.

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24 The ISPPU shall retain its status as a state college prior to the effectivity of this
25 Act until it is able to comply with the requirements provided herein.

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27 **SEC. 22. *Development Plan, Management Audit, and Organizational,***
28 ***Administrative and Academic Structure.*** – Within a period of one hundred twenty (120)
29 days after the approval of this Act, the ISPPU shall accomplish the following:

30 a. Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its program and budget to
31 the CHED for recommendation to the DBM;

32 b. Set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure, including
33 the appointment of key officials of the ISPPU; and

34 c. Undergo a management audit in coordination with the CHED.

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36 **SEC. 23. *Filing of Report.*** – On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the second
37 (2nd) month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board shall file with
38 the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the Chairperson of the CHED,
39 and with both Houses of Congress, a detailed report on the progress, conditions, and
40 needs of the ISPPU.

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42 **SEC. 24. *Suppletory Application.*** – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
43 otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part
44 of this Act and serve as part of the governing charter of the ISPPU.

1 **SEC. 25. *Parity Clause.*** – All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities,
2 and limitations under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the
3 ISPPU and its officials, whenever appropriate.
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5 **SEC. 26. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
6 this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of the ISPSC and the
7 NLPSC. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and
8 maintenance of the ISPPU shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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10 **SEC. 27. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from
11 the effectivity of this Act, the Board, in consultation with the CHED, shall formulate the
12 rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.
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14 **SEC. 28. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
15 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected
16 shall remain in full force and effect.
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18 **SEC. 29. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
19 and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
20 repealed or modified accordingly.
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22 **SEC. 30. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
23 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,