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Introduced by SENATOR WIN GATCHALIAN

**AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BATAAN PENINSULA STATE UNIVERSITY-BAGAC
EXTENSION CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAGAC, PROVINCE OF
BATAAN, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE BATAAN PENINSULA
STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "BATAAN PENINSULA
STATE UNIVERSITY-BAGAC CAMPUS", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 3 of CHED Memorandum Order No. 3, series of 2001,¹ defines State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) as public higher education institutions in the Philippines created and established by law which constitutes their charter and which have independent and separate governing boards.² It also defines an "extension campus" as the campus that responds to special needs or demands (*i.e.*, instruction, research or extension) with no Administrative

¹ Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for Republic Act No. 8292, Otherwise Known as "An Act Providing for the Uniform Composition and Powers of the Governing Boards, the Manner of Appointment and Term of Office of the President of Chartered State Universities and Colleges, and for Other Purposes"

² The highest policy-making body of chartered SUCs. For chartered State Universities, they are called the Board of Regents (BOR). For chartered Stated Colleges, they are called Board of Trustees (BOT).

Structure, while a “main campus” is the campus where the administrative services of a chartered SUC is located and/or where its President holds office permanently.

The Bataan Peninsula State University (BPSU) established an extension campus in the historic town of Bagac on June 10, 2008. It is tagged as the "Campus of Courage and Wisdom" after the town's patron saint, St. Catherine of Alexandria, the saint of the daring and the wise. Its establishment spared students, not only in Bagac but also in the neighboring town of Morong, some villages in Pilar, and City of Balanga (Pantingan and Cabog-Cabog), the problems of travelling to the city to pursue higher education. Due to its location, it is set to become the University’s center for Hotel and Restaurant Management and Tourism training to cater the manpower needs of the booming resort, hotel and leisure-recreational businesses in the western and southern parts of Bataan, and in the nearby Subic Bay Freeport Zone. With a steady enrollment growth, the BPSU-Bagac extension campus needs to expand as a regular campus offering more undergraduate and graduate courses within the areas of its competency and specialization. The conversion will augment the capacity and resources of the campus to provide quality education, and enhance and sustain its operations.³

This bill seeks to convert an extension campus into a regular campus which shall be headed by a Campus Administrator. The minimum requirements of the Commission on Higher Education for its operation shall be fully complied with and the provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997”, shall form part of this Act. All assets, personnel and records of the converted extension campus, as well as its liabilities, shall be named after the state university and should the campus cease to exist, it shall revert to the concerned local

³ BPSU-Bagac History
(See <https://www.bpsu.edu.ph/index.php/bagacmenu>)

government unit of the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be. The local government shall provide assistance to carry out the provisions of this Act until such time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the converted extension campus shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

In view of the foregoing, approval 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. This Act shall be known as the "Bataan Peninsula State
2 University-Bagac Campus Act".

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4 Sec. 2. The Bagac Extension Campus of the Bataan Peninsula State
5 University (BPSU) located in the Municipality of Bagac, Province of Bataan is
6 hereby converted into a regular campus, to be known as the BPSU-Bagac
7 Campus.

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9 Sec. 3. The BPSU-Bagac Campus shall primarily provide short-term,
10 technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of
11 competency and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of the BPSU, and

1 according to its capability, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as
2 the Board, may deem necessary to respond to the human resource
3 development needs of the Province of Bataan and Region III. It is also
4 mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide
5 progressive leadership in these areas.

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7 Sec. 4. The BPSU-Bagac Campus shall be headed by a Campus
8 Administrator who shall be appointed by the Board, subject to its guidelines
9 on qualifications and standards, and based on the recommendation of a
10 search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting the Campus
11 Administrator.

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13 Sec. 5. The BPSU shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the
14 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the BPSU-
15 Bagac Campus, including those related to its course offerings, are fully
16 complied with.

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18 Sec. 6. All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the
19 BPSU-Bagac Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be titled
20 under or named after the BPSU.

21 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the
22 BPSU-Bagac Campus shall be the property of the BPSU, and shall be titled
23 under its name: *Provided*, That should the campus cease to exist or be
24 abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed
25 by the BPSU, the same shall revert to the concerned local government unit or
26 to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.

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28 Sec. 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as
29 the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part of this Act.

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31 Sec. 8. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act

1 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

2 The Municipality of Bagac shall provide the same assistance until such
3 time that the amount necessary for the continued operation and maintenance
4 of the BPSU-Bagac Campus shall be included in the annual GAA.

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6 Sec. 9. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board
7 shall, in consultation with the CHED, issue the rules and regulations to fully
8 implement its provisions.

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10 Sec. 10. If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or
11 unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts not affected shall remain
12 in full force and effect.

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14 Sec. 11. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, administrative
15 orders, rules and regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with or
16 contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended
17 accordingly.

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19 Sec. 12. Notwithstanding the non-issuance of the IRR, this Act shall
20 take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a
21 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,