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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 96

Submitted by the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; and Finance on JUN 19 2023.

Re: House Bill No. 6128

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 6128 with amendments, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 1935.

Sponsor: Senator Francis G. Escudero

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; and Finance, to which were referred **House Bill No. 6128**, introduced by Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Go (M.), Co (E.) and Zubiri, entitled:

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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. 6128, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 1935, be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, line 1, insert a new Section 1 to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. *SHORT TITLE.* — THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "PAMPANGA STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY - FLORIDABLANCA CAMPUS ACT".";

2. The succeeding sections are hereby renumbered accordingly;
3. On the same page, same line, to serve as title of the renumbered Section 2, insert the phrase **"ESTABLISHMENT OF PSAU-FLORIDABLANCA CAMPUS"** followed by a period "(.)" and a hyphen "(—)";
4. On the same page, line 5, to serve as title of the renumbered Section 3, insert the phrase **"GENERAL MANDATE"** followed by a period "(.)" and a hyphen "(—)";

5. On the same page, line 7, after the word "specialization" and a comma "(,)", insert the phrase **"PURSUANT TO THE MANDATE OF THE PSAU, AND ACCORDING TO ITS CAPABILITY"** followed by a comma "(,)"
6. On the same page, line 9, delete the phrase "Region III", then insert the phrase **"THE CENTRAL LUZON REGION"**;
7. On the same page, line 11, delete the phrase "is also", then insert the phrase **"SHALL BE"**;
8. On the same page, lines 15 to 19, delete the entire Section 3, and insert a new section to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF PSAU-FLORIDABLANCA CAMPUS. — THE PSAU-FLORIDABLANCA CAMPUS SHALL BE HEADED BY A CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD SUBJECT TO THE GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS SET BY THE BOARD, AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A SEARCH COMMITTEE DULY CONSTITUTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTING THE CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR."

9. On the same page, lines 21 to 24, delete the entire Section 4 and insert a new section to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION. — THE PSAU SHALL ENSURE THE COMPLIANCE OF THE PSAU-FLORIDABLANCA CAMPUS WITH THE POLICIES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR THE OPERATION

OF CAMPUSES, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO THE OFFERING OF COURSES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR REVISED PROGRAMS PRIOR TO ITS ESTABLISHMENT.”;

10. On the same page, line 26, to serve as title of the renumbered Section 6, insert the phrase **“MANAGEMENT OF PERSONNEL, ASSETS AND RECORDS OF THE CAMPUS”** followed by a period “(.)” and a hyphen “(–)”;
11. On page 2, lines 6 to 10, delete the entire Section 6 and renumber the succeeding sections accordingly;
12. On the same page, line 12, to serve as title of Section 7, insert the phrase **“SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION”** followed by a period “(.)” and a hyphen “(–)”;
13. On the same page, line 15, to serve as title of Section 8, insert the word **“APPROPRIATIONS”** followed by a period “(.)” and a hyphen “(–)”;
14. On the same page, same line, after the word “Act”, insert a comma “(,)”, the phrase **“INCLUDING THOSE REQUIRED TO FUND THE PLANTILLA POSITIONS OF TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL OF THE PSAU-FLORIDABLANCA CAMPUS”** and another comma “(,)”;
15. On the same page, line 17, insert a new Section 9 to read as follows:

“SEC. 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. — WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, THE BOARD SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH CHED AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM), ISSUE THE RULES

AND REGULATIONS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.”;

16. The succeeding sections are hereby renumbered accordingly;
17. On the same page, line 18, to serve as title of the renumbered Section 10, insert the phrase **“SEPARABILITY CLAUSE”** followed by a period “(.)” and a hyphen “(–)”;
18. On the same page, line 22, to serve as title of Section 11, insert the phrase **“REPEALING CLAUSE”** followed by a period “(.)” and a hyphen “(–)”; and
19. Finally, on the same page, line 26, to serve as title of Section 12, insert the word **“EFFECTIVITY”** followed by a period “(.)” and a hyphen “(–)“.

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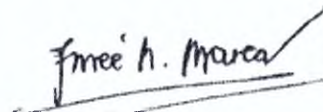


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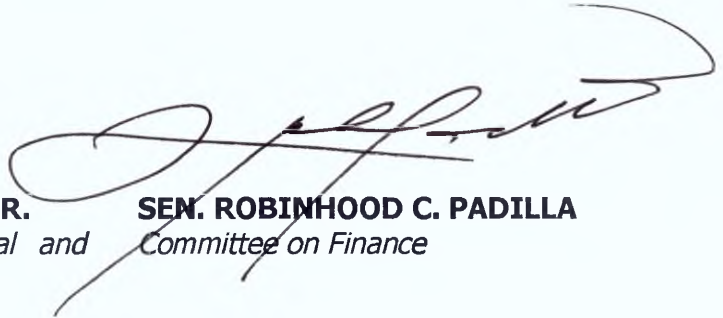

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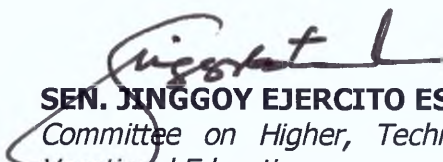
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H. No. 6128

BY REPRESENTATIVES MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, GO (M.), CO (E.) AND ZUBIRI, PER COMMITTEE
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
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4

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9 human resource development needs of the Province of Pampanga and Region III.
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13 development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.
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20 and effect.
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24 modified accordingly.
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27 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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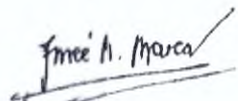
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU) located in Magalang, Pampanga is a state agricultural institution. It is known for its programs in the field of Research and Development, Science and Technology, Agroecology, Industrial, and Business Entrepreneurship. It is the center of academic excellence in the province of Central Luzon.

The PSAU supports the national government's commitment that puts education as the central strategy for investing in the Filipino people, reducing poverty and building national competitiveness. Hence, establishment of a satellite or extension campus is needed to serve more youth in the area.

To further its reach in providing quality higher education to all who seek it, particularly those who may not be able to afford it, this bill seeks to establish an extension campus in the Municipality of Floridablanca, Pampanga by converting the Floridablanca National Agricultural School (FNAS) into an attached campus of the PSAU.

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


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