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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUSES OF THE CENTRAL PHILIPPINES STATE UNIVERSITY LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF HINOBA-AN, CAUAYAN, ILOG, CANDONI, MOISES PADILLA, AND HINIGARAN, AND IN THE CITIES OF SAN CARLOS, SIPALAY AND VICTORIAS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO REGULAR CAMPUSES OF THE CENTRAL PHILIPPINE STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, Article XIV, of the 1987 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.

On October 19, 2012, Republic Act No. 10228 was enacted, converting the Negros State College of Agriculture in the City of Kabankalan, Negros Occidental, into the Central Philippines State University (CPSU). Today, CPSU operates its main campus in the City of Kabankalan alongside ten extension campuses across the Municipalities of Hinoba-an, Cauayan, Ilog, Candoni, Moises Padilla, and Hinigaran, and the Cities of San Carlos, Sipalay, Himamaylan, and Victorias, all within Negros Occidental.

As the first agricultural institution in the Philippines, CPSU has consistently inspired our youth to pursue diverse higher education programs, fostering academic growth and development.

This proposed bill seeks to convert the extension campuses of CPSU into regular campuses of the state university. This transformation is poised to unlock more opportunities for students not only in the province of Negros Occidental but

throughout the entire Western Visayas Region, paving the way for brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

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


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THEREFOR

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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "Central Philippines
2 State University (CPSU) Campuses Conversion Act".

3 Sec. 2. *Conversion of CPSU Extension Campuses into Regular Campuses.* —
4 The extension campuses of CPSU located in the Municipalities of Hinoba-an, Cauayan,
5 Ilog, Candoni, Moises Padilla, and Hinigaran, and in the Cities of San Carlos, Sipalay
6 and Victorias, all in the Province of Negros Occidental, are hereby converted into
7 regular campuses of CPSU to be known respectively as "CPSU-Hinoba-an Campus,
8 CPSU-Cauayan Campus, CPSU-Ilog Campus, CPSU-Candoni Campus, CPSU-Moises
9 Padilla Campus, CPSU-Hinigaran Campus, CPSU-San Carlos Campus, CPSU-Sipalay
10 Campus and CPSU-Victorias Campus".

11 Sec. 3. *General Mandate.* — CPSU-Hinoba-an Campus, CPSU-Cauayan Campus,
12 CPSU-Ilog Campus, CPSU-Candoni Campus, CPSU-Moises Padilla Campus, CPSU-
13 Hinigaran Campus, CPSU-San Carlos Campus, CPSU-Sipalay Campus and CPSU-
14 Victorias Campus shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational,

1 undergraduate, and graduate courses within their respective areas of competencies
2 and specialization, pursuant to the mandate of CPSU, and according to its capabilities,
3 as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary
4 to respond to the human resource development needs of the Province of Negros
5 Occidental and the Western Visayas Region.

6 It shall be mandated to undertake research and extension services and provide
7 progressive leadership in these areas.

8 *Sec. 4. Supervision and Management of CPSU Campuses.* — CPSU-Hinoba-an
9 Campus, CPSU-Cauayan Campus, CPSU-Ilog Campus, CPSU-Candoni Campus, CPSU-
10 Moises Padilla Campus, CPSU-Hinigaran Campus, CPSU-San Carlos Campus, CPSU-
11 Sipalay Campus and CPSU-Victorias Campus shall each be headed by a full-time
12 Campus Administrator, who shall be appointed by the Board subject to the guidelines,
13 qualifications and standards set by the Board, and upon the recommendation of a
14 Search Committee duly constituted by the Board for the purpose of selecting the
15 Campus Administrator.

16 *Sec. 5. Compliance with the Requirements of the Commission on Higher*
17 *Education.* — CPSU, prior to the conversion of CPSU-Hinoba-an Campus, CPSU-
18 Cauayan Campus, CPSU-Ilog Campus, CPSU-Candoni Campus, CPSU-Moises Padilla
19 Campus, CPSU-Hinigaran Campus, CPSU-San Carlos Campus, CPSU-Sipalay Campus
20 and CPSU-Victorias Campus into regular campuses and the offering of new and revised
21 courses and programs related thereto, shall ensure compliance with the applicable
22 policies, standards and guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

23 *Sec. 6. Management of Personnel, Assets and Records of CPSU Campuses.* —
24 All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of CPSU-Hinoba-an Campus,
25 CPSU-Cauayan Campus, CPSU-Ilog Campus, CPSU-Candoni Campus, CPSU-Moises
26 Padilla Campus, CPSU-Hinigaran Campus, CPSU-San Carlos Campus, CPSU-Sipalay
27 Campus and CPSU-Victorias Campus, as well as their liabilities or obligations, shall be
28 titled under or named after CPSU.

29 All parcels of land belonging to the government that shall be occupied by CPSU
30 campuses in the Municipalities of Hinoba-an, Cauayan, Ilog, Candoni, Moises Padilla,
31 and Hinigaran, and in the Cities of San Carlos, Sipalay and Victorias, all in the Province
32 of Negros Occidental shall be the property of CPSU, and shall be titled under its name:

1 *Provided*, That all parcels of land of CPSU shall revert to the original owner or donor,
2 or the Republic of the Philippines, in the event that the campuses cease to exist or be
3 abolished, or should the said parcels of land be no longer needed by CPSU: *Provided*,
4 *further*, That such reversion shall not impair obligation of contracts.

5 *Sec. 7. Security of Tenure of Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel of the CPSU*
6 *Regular Campuses.* — The positions, rights, and security of tenure of teaching and
7 non-teaching personnel employed in CPSU campuses, under existing laws and prior to
8 the conversion of extension campuses into regular campuses, shall be respected.

9 *Sec. 8. Supplementary Application.* — The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292,
10 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall form part
11 of this Act.

12 *Sec. 9. Appropriations.* — The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
13 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

14 *Sec. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within sixty (60) days from
15 the approval of this Act, the Board shall, in consultation with CHED, issue the rules
16 and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act.

17 *Sec. 11. Separability Clause.* — If, for any reason, any part or provision of this
18 Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not
19 affected shall remain in full force and effect.

20 *Sec. 12. Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
21 rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
22 amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

23 *Sec. 13. Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,