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BY REPRESENTATIVES MITRA, VILLAR, CUA (J.), JAVIER, REMULLA, CHATTO, PADILLA, MADRONA, NICOLAS, DEL MAR, AMATONG, AQUINO, DE GUZMAN, GARAY AND ANGPING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1785

AN ACT INTEGRATING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY-LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT-COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PSU-LGU-CCRDs) IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF NARRA, QUEZON, RIZAL, BROOKE'S POINT, TAYTAY, ARACELI AND CORON AS REGULAR BRANCHES OF THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, STRENGTHENING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION OF THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- SECTION 1 .Integration as Regular Branches of the University. The
- 2 Local Government Unit-Colleges of Community Resource Development
- 3 (LGU-CCRDs) in the municipalities of Narra, Quezon, Rizal, Brooke's Point,
- 4 Taytay, Araceli and Coron are hereby integrated as regular branches of the
- 5 Palawan State University (PSU) in the City of Puerto Princesa, all located in
- 6 the Province of Palawan.

SEC 2. Administration/Supervision/Control. — The administration, supervision and control of the PSU-Narra, PSU-Quezon, PSU-Rizal, PSU-Brooke's Point, PSU-Taytay, PSU-Araceli and PSU-Coron shall be vested in the President and the Board of Regents of the PSU in accordance with Republic Act No. 7818.

The Board of Regents of the PSU shall have the full authority to determine the organizational structure, academic, research and extension programs, the qualifications and number of academic personnel, enrollment and such other matters related to the administration and operation of the integrated branches.

- SEC. 3. Curricular Offerings. The PSU main campus and the PSU branches shall be authorized to continue to offer all their present curricular offerings, and such other courses as the Board of Regents of the PSU may deem necessary to carry out their objectives, in conformity with the policy of non-duplication of courses offered by existing state colleges in the province and consistent with the goals of local, regional and national development, particularly to meet the socioeconomic needs of the Province of Palawan.
- SEC. 4. Head of University Branches Campus directors shall head the integrated branches, and they shall render full-time service. They shall be appointed by the Board of Regents upon recommendation of the Search Committee and the University President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and/or standards set by the Board of Regents: *Provided*, That the incumbent college administrators/directors of the LGU-CCRDs integrated under this Act shall serve as directors of their respective branches.
- SEC. 5. Assets, Liabilities and Personnel All assets, fixed and movable, personnel and records of the LGU-CCRDs, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the PSU: Provided, however, That the positions, rights and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel

therein employed under existing laws prior to the integration of the LGU-CCRDs as regular branches of the PSU under this Act shall be respected.

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All parcels of land belonging to the government and occupied by the present campuses of the existing PSU-LGU-CCRDs are hereby declared to be property of the University, and shall be titled under the name of the PSU: *Provided*, That should the PSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such parcels of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the PSU, the same shall revert to the LGUs concerned, namely. the municipalities of Narra, Quezon, Rizal, Brooke's Point, Taytay, Araceli and Coron

SEC. 6. Appropriations. — The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's funding provided by the LGUs concerned. The concerned LGUs shall continue to provide assistance to the PSU-integrated branches, namely: PSU-Narra, PSU-Quezon, PSU-Rizal, PSU-Brooke's Point, PSU-Taytay, PSU-Araceli and PSU-Coron, corresponding to the funding given to the LGU-CCRDs in Narra, Quezon, Rizal, Brooke's Point, Taytay, Araceli and Coron, prior to their integration with the PSU until such time that the full funding requirement of the PSU-integrated branches is included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7 Report - Within three (3) months after the integration of the LGU-CCRDs with the PSU, the Board of Regents of the PSU shall file with the Office of the President of the Philippines, through the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and with both Houses of Congress, a detailed report on the actions it has taken pursuant thereto.

SEC 8. Suppletory Application — The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall be an integral part of this Act and shall serve as part of the Governing Charter of the PSU.

1	SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations The Board of Regents
2	of the PSU, in consultation with the CHED, shall formulate the guidelines to
3	fully implement the provisions of this Act.
4	SEC. 10. Separability Clause If, for any reason, any part or provision
5	of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or
6	provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
7	SEC. 11. Repealing Clause - Republic Act No. 7818, converting the
8	Palawan State College in the City of Puerto Princesa, Province of Palawan into
9	the Palawan State University, is hereby amended. All laws, presidential
10	decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts
11	thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
12	repealed or modified accordingly.
13	SEC. 12. Effectivity This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
14	its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,