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

1           **SECTION 1.** There is hereby established a campus of the Pampanga State  
2 Agricultural University (PSAU) in the Municipality of Floridablanca, Province of  
3 Pampanga. It shall be known as the "PSAU-Floridablanca Campus".

4           **SEC. 2.** The PSAU-Floridablanca Campus shall offer short-term, technical-  
5 vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and  
6 specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem  
7 necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which respond to the  
8 human resource development needs of the Province of Pampanga and Region III.

9           The PSAU-Floridablanca Campus is also mandated to undertake research and  
10 extension services, and production activities in support of the socio-economic  
11 development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

12           **SEC. 3.** The PSAU-Floridablanca Campus shall be headed by a Campus  
13 Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed by the Board,  
14 subject to the qualifications standards prescribed by the Board, and based on the  
15 recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of selecting  
16 the Campus Administrator.

1           **SEC. 4.** The PSAU shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the  
2 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the establishment and operation of the  
3 PSAU-Floridablanca Campus, including those related to its course offerings, are fully  
4 complied with.

5           **SEC. 5.** A fifty (50)-hectare parcel of land belonging to the Floridablanca  
6 National Agricultural School (FNAS) located in the FNAS-Main Campus shall be  
7 transferred to and titled under the PSAU and shall be the site of the PSAU-Floridablanca  
8 Campus: *Provided*, That should the PSAU cease to exist or be abolished or should such  
9 aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the PSAU, the same shall revert  
10 to the concerned local government unit or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the  
11 case may be.

12           **SEC. 6.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall, in  
13 coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) determine the  
14 organizational structure and staffing pattern for the PSAU-Floridablanca Campus. The  
15 said organizational structure and staffing pattern shall be submitted by the Chairperson  
16 of the CHED to the Secretary of the DBM for approval.

17           **SEC. 7.** The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the  
18 "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" shall form part of this Act.

19           **SEC. 8.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be  
20 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

21           **SEC. 9.** If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or  
22 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force  
23 and effect.

24           **SEC. 10.** All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and  
25 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or  
26 modified accordingly.

27           **SEC. 11.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
28 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation,  
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*Approved,*