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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-PARAÑAQUE CITY CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution declares in Article XIV, Section 1 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.*" For this reason, it is the responsibility of the state to create, support, and maintain a comprehensive, appropriate, and integrated system of education that is in line with the needs of the populace and society.

From the aforementioned provision, it is essential to emphasize the intertwined function of the government and the country's academic institutions in making school systems more responsive to what the students need by highlighting the importance of treating education as an instrument of growth, rather than looking merely at its utilitarian factor and also by addressing all concerns such as transportation being a barrier to a better education for the ultimate goal of bridging all forms of gaps that hinder the nation's students from reaching their dreams.

Through the effort of former Parañaque City Mayor Florencio Bernabe, Jr., PUP Parañaque was established on May 12, 2011 with the same mission as the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) in Sta. Mesa, Manila to help the poor but deserving, unprivileged students. It is the culmination of a partnership between the City Government of Parañaque and PUP which started way back in May 10, 1990 when then PUP President, Dr. Nemesio Prudente, and Mayor Walfrido Ferrer signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishing Parañaque as Center for PUP's Pamantasang Bayan. The establishment of PUP Parañaque was materialized through Ordinance No. 91-107 and 11-03 and Resolution No. 04-35 and 07-39 authored by Councilor Edwin Benzon. This ordinance states that the present Pamantasang Bayan Center of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) in Parañaque be converted into a regular campus.

In keeping with its promise to offer Parañaque residents a high-quality and easily accessible education, the City Government led by Hon. Mayor Edwin L. Olivarez extends PUP Parañaque's operational period by 12 years by signing the Memorandum of Agreement last October 11, 2021.¹

The ultimate purpose of this bill is to convert the Polytechnic University of the Philippines – Parañaque (Annex) Campus into a regular campus. Enacting this law will resolve the funding concerns of the PUP Parañaque Campus which will eventually proliferate educational efficiency among the constituents of the city. In turn, this bill is expected to give endless and outpouring opportunities to our students, a chance for a brighter future for themselves and their families. Through the creation of this campus, students will have better and more accessible means to gain fresh, practical knowledge and theoretical skills that can lead to a subsistence, fostering independence and a thriving local and national economy.

In view of aforementioned considerations, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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¹ Polytechnic University of the Philippines Official Website. Overview of PUP Parañaque Campus. Accessed online on 20 March 2023 through <https://www.pup.edu.ph/paranaque/>.



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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 "*Polytechnic University of the*
2 *Philippines (PUP)-Parañaque City Campus Act*".

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4 **Sec. 2.** The campus of the PUP located in the City of Parañaque, National
5 Capital Region (NCR) is hereby converted into a regular campus of the PUP to be
6 known as the PUP-Parañaque City Campus.

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8 **Sec. 3.** The PUP-Parañaque City Campus shall offer short-term, technical-
9 vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency
10 and specialization, as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board,
11 may deem necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives, and those which
12 respond to the human resource development needs of the City of Parañaque and
13 the NCR.

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15 The PUP-Parañaque City Campus is also mandated to undertake research
16 and extension services, and production activities in support of the socio-economic
17 development and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

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19 **Sec. 4.** The PUP-Parañaque City Campus shall be headed by a Campus
20 Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed by the
21 Board, subject to the qualification standards prescribed by the Board, and based
22 on the recommendation of a search committee duly constituted for the purpose of
23 selecting the Campus Administrator.

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1 **Sec. 5.** The PUP shall ensure that the minimum requirements of the
2 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for the operation of the PUP-Parañaque
3 City Campus, including those related to its course offerings, are fully complied with.
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5 **Sec. 6.** All assets, both real and personal, personnel, and records of the
6 PUP-Parañaque City Campus, as well as its liabilities or obligations, shall be
7 transferred to the PUP. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty
8 members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the
9 conversion into a regular campus shall be respected.
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11 All parcels of land belonging to the government to be occupied by the PUP-
12 Parañaque City Campus shall be transferred to the PUP: *Provided*, That should the
13 campus or the PUP cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned
14 parcels of land be no longer needed by the PUP, the same shall revert to the City
15 of Parañaque or to the Republic of the Philippines, as the case may be.
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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.
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20 **Sec. 8.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall
21 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).
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23 The City of Parañaque shall provide the same amount of financial assistance
24 to the campus until such time that the amount necessary for the continued
25 operation and maintenance of the PUP-Parañaque City Campus shall be included in
26 the annual GAA.
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28 **Sec. 9.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall,
29 in consultation with the CHED, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the
30 effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.
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32 **Sec. 10.** If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is declared
33 unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or provisions which are not affected
34 thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
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36 **Sec. 11.** Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of
37 instruction, administrative order, proclamation, charter, rule or regulation and/or
38 parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby
39 repealed, modified or amended accordingly.
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41 **Sec. 12.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication
42 in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,