EXPLANATORY NOTE

In Resolution No. 1665-2021, the Provincial Board of Cavite resolved that the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) – Maragondon Extension be converted into an independent campus to be known as the PUP-Alfonso Campus.

On July 7, 2013, the PUP-Maragondon Extension in Alfonso, Cavite was established. The facilities and operations of PUP-Maragondon Extension catered to students from Cavite, most especially to resident of upland portions of the province.

After more than seven (7) years of existence, the PUP-Maragondon Extension has produced hundreds of graduates, which include passers in licensure board examinations. With the increase of the population in Cavite and the students in PUP-Maragondon Extension, this representation is one with the Provincial Board of Cavite in finding justification to convert the PUP-Maragondon Extension to an independent PUP-Alfonso Campus. As such, the proposed legislation creating the PUP-Alfonso Campus is herein lodged to the House of Representatives.

The creation of the PUP-Alfonso Campus will ensure the continuous operation of the said educational institution as it will be funded properly, thru the passage of the proposed legislation. The PUP-Alfonso Campus will greatly benefit the underprivileged but deserving Caviteño students.

In consonance with the constitutional mandate 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,” this representation from the 8th District of Cavite earnestly seeks the passage of the law creating the PUP-Alfonso Campus.
Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8790

Introduced by Honorable ABRAHAM N. TOLENTINO

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN ALFONSO, CAVITE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-ALFONSO CAMPUS, MANDATING THE PUP TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "PUP-Alfonso Campus Act".

Section 2. The existing Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) Maragondon Extension Campus in Alfonso, Cavite, Region IV-A is hereby established as an independent campus to be known as the PUP-Alfonso Campus.

Section 3. The PUP shall admit students to its Alfonso Campus who may avail of graduate, undergraduate and short-term technical-vocational courses within the University’s areas of specialization, and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents (BOR) may deem necessary to carry out the University’s objectives, and to respond to the needs of Cavite and Region IV-A.

The PUP is also mandated to undertake research and extension services in the Alfonso Campus, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas, including the offering of graduate degrees under the PUP Open University System.

Section 4. The PUP-Alfonso Campus shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and who shall be appointed or designated by the BOR upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the BOR.

Section 5. The establishment of the PUP-Alfonso Campus shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied with as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).
Section 6. All assets, real and personal, personnel and records of the PUP-Alfonso Campus, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the PUP. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel employed at the PUP-Alfonso Campus under existing laws prior to integration into the PUP shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government occupied by the PUP-Alfonso Campus are hereby declared to be the property of the PUP and shall be titled under that name: Provided, That should the PUP cease to exist or be abolished, or would no longer need such parcels of land aforementioned, the same shall revert to the local government units (LGUs) concerned.

Section 7. The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997" shall form an integral part, of this Act and together shall serve as the governing charter of the University.

Section 8. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state universities and/or its officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the University and/or its officials whenever appropriate.

Section 9. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 10. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED,

[Signature]

HON. ABRAHAM 'BAMBOL' N. TOLENTINO

Deputy Speaker 8th District of Cavite