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HOUSE BILL NO. 4079



Introduced by REP. AURELIO "DONG" D. GONZALES, JR.

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FERNANDO LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA, AND INTEGRATING IT AS A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE DON HONORIO VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVSU), STRENGTHENING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION OF THE DHVSU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the City College in the City of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga into a state college to be known as the State College of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, and to integrate it as a regular campus of the Don Honorio Ventura State University, strengthening DHVSU's administrative supervision, and appropriating funds therefor.

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution states that the "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."

Established in 2008 through City Ordinance No.2008-018, the City College of San Fernando currently offers five courses namely: (a) BS Information Technology; (b) BS Accounting Technology; (c) Bachelor in Business Administration and; (d) Bachelor in Elementary and Secondary Education. As of 2021, the institution currently enrolls around 800 students.

But with the growing number of learners within the Province of Pampanga and due to the rising cost of living not seen in decades, there is an urgent need to expand institutions that will provide free quality education to the general public.

Through this measure, the City College of San Fernando will be converted into a State College. This will allow students easy access to the benefits provided under Republic Act No. 10931 also known as the Universal Access To Quality Education Act which provides cash assistance to deserving students and free tuition to anyone enrolled in State Universities and Colleges regardless of social standing—greatly benefitting those who are deserving but economically-challenged students.

This measure likewise seeks to integrate the State College of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga into a regular campus of the Don Honorio Ventura State University. The integration of the State College will guarantee appropriate budgetary support from the national government through its inclusion in the annual General Appropriations Act. Most importantly, the 100 million peso budget saved from converting

the City College to a State City College, and integrating it with DHVSU can be used by the local government unit for other worthwhile purposes. It should be noted that the ownership of the parcel of lands in which the City College of San Fernando is located shall remain with the local government of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga. The possession of the property, meanwhile, shall be in the nature of usufruct.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is most earnestly sought



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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “State College of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga Integrated with the Don Honorio Ventura State University Act”

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a campus of the State College of the City of San Fernando, hereinafter referred to as the State College, in the City of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga, to be known as the as the State College of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga Integrated with the Don Honorio Ventura State University (SCCSFP-DHVSU).

SEC. 3. The SCCSFP-DHVSU shall primarily provide short-term, technical-vocational, undergraduate, and graduate courses within its areas of competency and specialization, pursuant to its mandate, and according to its capabilities as the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and those which respond to the human resources development needs of the Province of Pampanga and Region III.

The SCCSFP-DHVSU is also mandated to undertake research and extension services, and to provide progressive leadership in these areas.

SEC. 4. The SCCSFP-DHVSU shall be headed by a Campus Administrator who shall render full-time service and shall be appointed or designated by the Board upon the recommendation of the search committee and the President of Don Honorio Ventura State University. Such appointment or designation shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications, and standards set by the Board.

SEC. 5. The establishment of the SCCSFP-DHVSU shall ensure that the minimum requirements for its operation and program offerings have been complied with, as duly prescribed by the Commission on Higher and Technical Education (CHED).

SEC. 6. All personal assets, personnel, and records of the City College of San Fernando, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the State College of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga Integrated with the Don Honorio Ventura State University. The positions, rights, and security of tenure of faculty

members and personnel employed at the City College of San Fernando under existing laws prior to the integration to the SCCSFP-DHVSU shall be respected.

Ownership of all parcels of land and buildings belonging to the local government of City of San Fernando, Pampanga occupied by the State College of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga Integrated with the Don Honorio Ventura State University shall remain with the local government of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga. *Provided*, that the possession of such properties shall be with the SCCSFP-DHVSU, for free. *Provided, further*, That should the SCCSFP-DHVSU cease to exist or be abolished or should such aforementioned parcels of land and buildings be no longer needed by the SCCSFP-DHVSU, the possession of said properties shall revert to the concerned local government unit.

SEC. 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 SCCSFP-DHVSU.

SEC. 8. All other powers, functions, privileges, responsibilities, and limitation to state colleges and their officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the SCCSFP-DHVSU and its officials, whenever appropriate.

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

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

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

SEC. 12. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,