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BTA Parliament Bill No. 14

Introduced by MP BANTAN ADIL-AMPATUAN

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE BANGSAMORO ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Planning and policy-making are crucial in the socio-economic development of a region. The defunct Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) has its Regional Economic and Development Planning Board (REDPB) which is the highest planning and policy-making body. During the transition phase of the Bangsamoro Government, it is very important to put in place a structure like the REDPB that will provide direction to its overall development.

It is the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to protect and improve the quality of life of its inhabitants. In view of this policy, the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (hereinafter "BOL") emphasized the importance of careful planning in the development of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. Hence, Section 4, Article XIII thereof provides for the establishment of the Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council (hereinafter "Council") which shall serve as the planning, monitoring, and coordinating agency for all development plans, programs, and projects of the Bangsamoro Government. This bill seeks to establish said Council.

With this bill, the Council shall serve as a primary institution that sets and guides the direction of comprehensive socio-economic development effort and other development concerns and priorities in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. To ensure people's participation, the Council shall take into account the development plans of the provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays as approved by their respective local development councils.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of the bill is earnestly requested.

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COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the members of the BTA Parliament of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao in session assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “*The Bangsamoro Planning Act of 2019.*”

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to protect and improve the quality of life of its inhabitants through careful planning of the development of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. It is hereby also declared that the Bangsamoro Government shall provide equitable opportunities for the development of constituent local government units and shall strengthen governance systems to ensure inclusivity and people's participation.

Sec. 3. *Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council.* – There is hereby created and established the Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council, hereinafter referred to as the “Council”, which shall serve as the primary institution that sets and guides the direction of comprehensive socio-

economic development effort and other development concerns and priorities in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

Sec. 4. *Composition.* – The Council shall be composed of the following:

- a) The Chief Minister;
- b) The two (2) Deputy Chief Ministers;
- c) The Speaker;
- d) The Majority Floor Leader;
- e) The Minority Floor Leader;
- f) The Chairman of the Committee of Public Works;
- g) Fifteen (15) Ministers;
- h) The Five (5) Provincial Governors and the three (3) City Mayors;
and
- i) Representatives of the private sector and non-government organizations who shall be selected by the members of the Council in accordance with its rules and regulations to be prescribed by it, and to be appointed by the Chairman upon selection.

Provided that, the Chief Minister shall act as Chairman of the Council, preside over its meetings, and perform such other duties and functions as may be necessary in the conduct of the Council affairs.

Provided further that, the Vice-Chairman shall be selected by the majority of the members of the Council from among themselves to act as Chairman in the absence of the latter and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Provided further that, membership in the Council shall be coterminous with the appointing authority.

Provided finally that, the members mentioned in subparagraph (i) shall comprise one fourth (1/4) of the membership in the Council, and that the youth, women, business, and the academe are represented therein.

Sec. 5. *Powers and Functions.* – The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) Plan, monitor and coordinate all development plans, programs and projects of the Bangsamoro Government;
- b) Evaluate and recommend short, medium and long-term comprehensive development plans, programs and projects for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region for approval by the Parliament;
- c) Ensure that the development plans, programs and projects of the Bangsamoro government shall take into account the development plans of the provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays as approved by their local development councils;
- d) Ensure that the Bangsamoro development plans are represented or integrated in the national development plan and shall represent the Bangsamoro government in the national development planning of the Steering Committee or its equivalent;
- e) Participate in relevant development planning activities of the National Economic Development Authority or NEDA;
- f) Represent the Bangsamoro Government in the relevant activities of the different Intergovernmental Relation Bodies established by the Organic Law;
- g) Oversee and coordinate the planning, investment programming, budgeting, and implementation of development programs and projects of the Bangsamoro Government;
- h) Assist the local government units in the BARMM including access to resources needed in their requirement for counterpart funds for foreign-assisted project;
- i) Provide policy guidelines in the coordination and management of official development assistance from multilateral and bilateral agencies intended for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;
- j) Coordinate the monitoring and evaluation of development programs and projects being undertaken by non-devolved government agencies and the Official Development Assistance – funded projects within the jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;
- k) Call upon any representative from the national government agencies operating within the jurisdiction of the autonomous region, or any representative of the local government units and the private sector for

such views or advice as may be pertinent to any matter under its consideration; and

- l) Perform other functions as may be directed by the Chairman.

Sec. 6. *Council Meeting.* - The Council shall meet as often as may be necessary but not less than once every quarter. It shall meet at such time, place and date as may be determined and fixed by the Council; *Provided that*, there shall be, in all its meetings, prior notices served to all members thereof.

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or at the request of the majority of the members of the Council; *Provided that*, notices specifying the agenda to be taken up shall be served at least three (3) days before the special meeting.

A simple majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum to do business. In no case shall proxy be allowed in any meeting of the Council be it regular or special. The Council shall adopt its own internal rules and regulations in the conduct of its business. Every Council member shall be entitled to traveling expenses and honorarium for every meeting attended in an amount to be fixed by the Council.

Sec. 7. *Executive Committee.* - The Council shall constitute an Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Execom", from among its members to act for and on its behalf when the Council is not in session on urgent matters as may be deemed necessary by the Chairman. To ensure equitable representation and participation the following shall comprise the Execom:

- a) The Chairman of the Council
- b) One (1) Deputy Chief Minister
- c) The Speaker
- d) Chairmen of the Sectoral Committees of the Council
- e) One (1) Provincial Governor
- f) One (1) City Mayor
- g) One (1) Private Sector Representative

Provided that, the members of the Execom mentioned under subparagraphs (b), (e), (f), and (g) shall be designated by the Chairman.

Sec. 8. *Sectoral Committees.* - To assist the Council in the performance of its functions, it shall create its Sectoral Committees with members from the Bangsamoro government ministries, agencies and offices, and private sector representatives. The Sectoral Committees shall include the following:

- a) Economic Development Committee
- b) Social Development Committee
- c) Infrastructure Development Committee
- d) Governance and Development Administration Committee

The Council may create such other Committees as it may deem necessary for the effective operation and functioning thereof. The Sectoral Committees shall have the following functions:

- a) Assist the Council in the analysis and translation of the national development goals and policies into specific sectoral objectives of development plan and programs of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;
- b) Coordinate all sectoral planning and programming activities of sectoral ministries, regional agencies and offices and the local government units;
- c) Provide updated sectoral data and statistical information and assist in the preparation of annual Bangsamoro regional development report and accomplishment; and
- d) Perform other functions as may be directed by the Council.

Sec. 9. *Technical Support Office.* – There is hereby created a Technical Support Office, hereinafter referred to as “TSO”, that shall assist the Council in the discharge of its duties and responsibilities.

The TSO shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall be assisted by a Deputy Executive Director, both of whom shall be appointed by the Chief Minister. The TSO shall be composed of four (4) technical divisions and one (1) administrative and finance division.

Sec. 10. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to finance the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's (2019) appropriations of former ARMM. Thereafter, the regular budget of the Council shall be included in the Bangsamoro General Appropriations Act (BGAA) for its continued operations and functioning.

Sec. 11. *Separability.* - If for any cause any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or contrary to the provisions of R.A. 11054, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

Sec. 12. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

APPROVED:

ALI PANGALIAN BALINDONG

Speaker

This Act was passed by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament on _____, 2019.

PROF. RABBY ANGKAL

Secretary-General

Approved:

AHOD BALAWAG IBRAHIM, Al-Hadj

Chief Minister

Proposed BEDC Bill and IEC Resolution

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Baintan Adil

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to me, LAISA, Lanang, Ali

Salam SecGen,

Attached, please see the following documents:

- 1) Cover letter of the proposed BEDC Bill and IEC Resolution;
- 2) Explanatory note of the proposed BEDC Bill;
- 3) Proposed BEDC Bill; and
- 4) Proposed IEC Resolution.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thanks.

MP Baintan Adil-Ampatuan