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BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO  
Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City

**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY-PARLIAMENT**  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

Proposed Bill No. 81

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**AN ACT PRIORITIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BANGSAMORO  
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES TRAINING INSTITUTE**

*Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Parliament assembled:*

**Section 1. Short Title.** – This act shall be known as the “Bangsamoro Agriculture and Fisheries Training Institute”.

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It shall be the policy of the Bangsamoro Autonomous State to promote agriculture as a means to alleviate poverty and food sufficiency in the Bangsamoro regions. To this end, the Bangsamoro Government shall give priority on promotion of science and technology training and innovation for all Bangsamoro Farmers and Fisherfolks. It shall develop an extensive information campaign to actively promote and disseminate available modern agriculture and fisheries techniques, innovations and knowledge.

The trainings conducted shall be those that are appropriate and relevant in accordance with the heritage and beliefs of the Bangsamoro farmers and fisherfolk.

**Section 3. Mandate.** – The Bangsamoro Agricultural and Fisheries Training Institute shall spearhead the planning, monitoring and implementation of the provision of training and other extension services to Bangsamoro farmers and fisherfolks. The provision of training shall be publicly funded and shall include the training of State Universities and Colleges and Local Government Unit to assist them in providing technical assistance, and research, development of Training Modules and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials.

**Section 4. Extension Service.** – Extension service refers to the provision of training, information, and support services by the government and non-government organizations to the agriculture and fisheries sectors to improve the technical, business and social capabilities of farmers and fisherfolk.

Extension services shall include post-harvest training, market analysis and capability building for cooperatives.

**Section 5. *Bangsamoro Training Institute Office***– There is hereby established three (3) Bangsamoro Agriculture and Fisheries Training Institute Office in key areas of the Bangsamoro territory which shall be headed by a Director with Salary Grade 24.

The Bangsamoro Agriculture and Fisheries Training Institute Office shall be an attached agency of the Ministry on Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform and shall directly report, and submit reports required by the Ministry.

**Section 6. *Partnership with the Bangsamoro Cooperative Development Authority***. Farmer's cooperatives shall be the cornerstone for training development and dissemination, as such the Bangsamoro Cooperative Development Authority shall be a key partner in the dissemination of information relating to training and extension services, as well as assessment of needs of farmers and fisherfolk.

**Section 7. *Research, innovation, and science and technology***. – The BAFTI shall give priority to research and keep itself updated with modern agriculture and fisheries trends, including the use of machineries. Training modules shall be created and updated regularly in partnership with the State Universities and Colleges.

**Section 8. *Training Needs Assessment and Information, Education and Communication Materials***. – The BAFTI, together with the MAFAR and the LGU concerned, shall conduct Training Needs Assessment for the Bangsamoro Farmers and Fisherfolks in order to deliver the correct, culturally appropriate, and relevant training to the Farmers and Fisherfolks. The BAFTI shall also deliver culturally appropriate IEC in the language most appropriate to the end-user

**Section 9. *Halal Development***. – The BAFTI shall prioritize the development of the Halal industry and shall include the relevance and incentives of Halal in all training modules.

**Section 10. *Agriculture short courses***. – The BAFTI shall cooperate with the Technical Education and Skills Authority- BARMM for the creation of Agriculture and Fisheries short courses, which shall include short term training on agriculture and fisheries, and related marketing and enterprise.

**Section 11. *Private participation***. —The BAFTI shall recognize the invaluable participation of the private sector for the development of Irrigation services all throughout

the Bangsamoro area. To this end, public-private corporations and partnerships shall be actively sought and encouraged.

**Section 12. *Additional Staffing.*** —The MAFAR may hire additional field officers to implement this Act. The Minister may authorize secondment of his staff to the BAFTI offices for efficient communication.

**Section 13. *Appropriations.*** —The funds necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the respective budget of concerned agencies for the current year. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation.

**Section 14. *Separability Clause*** -- Should any provision of this Act be subsequently declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 15. *Repealing Clause*** —All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or any part thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**Section 16. *Effectivity.*** —This Act shall take effect immediately.

So Approved.

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