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**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY**

*Second Regular Session*

Proposed Resolution No. 244

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Introduced by **MP Atty. Maisara Cudia Dandamun-Latiph**

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**RESOLUTION**

**CALLING ON THE APPROPRIATE PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS AND ADEQUACY OF THE INTERNET CONNECTION IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION, WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING A MEASURE THAT WILL COMPLEMENT PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE'S NATIONAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM GIVING UTMOST CONSIDERATION TO EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AMID PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, Article IX, Section 16 of R.A. No. 11054 provides that "The Bangsamoro Government shall develop an education framework relevant and responsive to the needs, ideals, and aspirations of the Bangsamoro people;"

**WHEREAS**, Article IX, Section 22 of R.A. No. 11054 states that "The Bangsamoro Government shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;"

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic caused the education sector to reconsider the opening of classes in a normal or face-to-face manner in order to prevent or lessen the risk of exposure of the students as well as the educators to the virus;

**WHEREAS**, the country's learning system prepares to shift to a new normal;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education has been preparing the use of alternative learning modalities for school year (SY) 2020-2021 including blended learning which pertains to a fusion of online distant learning and in-person delivery of printed materials to the homes of the learners;<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://news.mb.com.ph/2020/06/08/deped-disputes-claims-that-it-is-not-ready-for-blended-learning/>

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**WHEREAS**, the online distant learning will require a strong and stable internet connections;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Duterte has promised better internet connectivity nationwide in his first State of the Nation Address;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, according to the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education, less than a quarter of residents in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) have access to the internet;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, according to Minister Mohagher Iqbal, the DepEd's policy of delivering lessons through online, television, radio and printed materials would be a challenge as only 20% percent of BARMM can connect to the internet and that the Bangsamoro has connectivity issues and not all areas have access to the internet;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, according to the tech chief of the Department of Education, only 26% of public schools are connected to internet or are able to connect to the internet and nearly 5,000 public schools in remote areas don't have access to electricity;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to determine the factual circumstances regarding both the stability of electricity and availability of internet connection in the BARMM areas in order to address the current dilemma in the education sector;

**WHEREAS**, the Internet is already an integral element of education in many nations, and it can be certain that its worldwide educational significance will continue to increase throughout this decade;<sup>6</sup>

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the significance of internet in education, awareness and information dissemination, there is a need to lay down initiatives in order to include it as among the priorities of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority:

**FOR APPROPRIATE PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS AND ADEQUACY OF THE INTERNET CONNECTION IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION, WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING A MEASURE THAT WILL COMPLEMENT PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE'S NATIONAL CONNECTIVITY**

<sup>2</sup> <https://govinsider.asia/innovation/the-philippines-gets-serious-about-connecting-its-schools/>

<sup>3</sup> [news.abs-cbn.com/news/06/11/20/only-20-pct-of-bangsamoro-has-internet-access-official-says-as-deped-gears-for-online-classes?fbclid=IwAR3TuHT-z4fnXkHhsm28tEFYm2Dfz364DJWU4uskl85o\\_166p1GavojhVA](https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/06/11/20/only-20-pct-of-bangsamoro-has-internet-access-official-says-as-deped-gears-for-online-classes?fbclid=IwAR3TuHT-z4fnXkHhsm28tEFYm2Dfz364DJWU4uskl85o_166p1GavojhVA)

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<sup>5</sup> <https://govinsider.asia/innovation/the-philippines-gets-serious-about-connecting-its-schools/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.bbvaopenmind.com/en/articles/the-internet-and-education/>

**PROGRAM GIVING UTMOST CONSIDERATION TO EDUCATIONAL  
REQUIREMENTS AMID PANDEMIC**

Adopted,



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