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RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MINISTRY OF BASIC, HIGHER, AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OR APPLICATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11509 OR "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND RETURN SERVICE PROGRAM FOR DESERVING STUDENTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR" IN BARMM AND PRIORITIZE ITS FORTHCOMING IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Bangsamoro Government to protect and promote the right to health of the people and shall uphold the peoples' right to have access to essential goods, health, and other social services that promote their well-being.¹

WHEREAS, accessibility to health services, in pursuit of ensuring people's right to health, requires not only hospitals but it also needs the provisions of sufficient quantity of health workers such as medical doctors vis-à-vis the number of population;

WHEREAS, a data in 2015 shows that we have **only eighty six (86) government doctors** in the entire BARMM which manifested a gross imbalance in the number of

¹ Article IX, Section 22 of R.A. No. 11054, emphasis with underscoring supplied

government physician-population ratio as there is one doctor per 44,000 people (1:44,000) in the BARMM;²

WHEREAS, our excessive deficit in the human capital in the medical profession in the government is alarming and had made our health service inaccessible to the people thereby negating our duty to fulfil the right of the people to health;

WHEREAS, in order for the Bangsamoro Government to ensure an effective and efficient medical response in the ensuing novel virus/es that may also cause a global pandemic and to sufficiently attend the medical needs of our Muslim Ummah peculiarly to our vulnerable communities then it is highly encouraged that we invest to produce more government physicians that will take care of the whole BARMM population.³

WHEREAS, RA No. 11509 was enacted to ensure the availability of doctors who will provide quality basic, promotive, preventive and curative health care services in every municipality in the country, especially, the underserved, remote, economically underdeveloped, distressed, conflict-afflicted, and geographically disadvantaged areas;⁴

WHEREAS, the law provides for a Medical Scholarship and Return Service Program (MSRSP) as a long-term solution to lack of medical profession in vulnerable region such that it will ensure at least one (1) doctor for every municipality in the country;⁵

WHEREAS, the said MSRSP will be implemented through “state universities and colleges (SUCs) or in partner private higher education institutions” and that the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall have the power to designate more than one (1) partner higher education institutions (HEIs) in the region upon consultation with the Department of Health (DOH);⁶

WHEREAS, the CHED is mandated to perform functions in relation to said law in order to effectively implement the purpose of the law;⁷

WHEREAS, all programs and projects of the previous CHED-ARMM, whether locally-funded or foreign-assisted, in the BARMM earmarked for or to be

² Republic of the Philippines. *Philippine Statistics Authority*. 2015, [https://openstat.psa.gov.ph/PXWeb/pxweb/en/DB/DB 3E CH HN/0053E3D5160.px/table/tableViewLayout2/?rxid=bd60b17a-6c5f-4ec9-952b-e7293b6cecf1](https://openstat.psa.gov.ph/PXWeb/pxweb/en/DB/DB%203E%20CH%20HN/0053E3D5160.px/table/tableViewLayout2/?rxid=bd60b17a-6c5f-4ec9-952b-e7293b6cecf1) (visited March 15, 2021), *Emphasis supplied*

³ Republic of the Philippines. *Philippine Statistics Authority* 2015 at <http://rssoarimm.psa.gov.ph/> (visited March 15, 2021)

⁴ Sec 2, of R.A. No. 11509.

⁵ Sec. 3, *id.*

⁶ Sec. 3, *id.*

⁷ Sec. 13, *id.*


implemented in the region, **including scholarships and grants**, shall be transferred to the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, including its corresponding budget and assets;⁸

WHEREAS, the MBHTE is the government agency in the BARMM incumbent to perform the duties and powers contemplated in RA 11509;

NOW THEREFORE, be it;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to request The Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education to report on the status or application of Republic Act No. 11509 or “An Act Establishing A Medical Scholarship And Return Service Program For Deserving Students, And Appropriating Funds Therefor” in BARMM and prioritize its implementation.

Adopted, _____.


ABDULLAH B. HASHIM
Member of the Parliament

⁸ Title II, Chapter 6, Section 18, Par. 2A, of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, Emphasis and underscoring supplied