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**AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, CREATING ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**Article I  
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Short Title.**— This act shall be known as the “Bangsamoro Science High School Act of 2022.”

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** – The Bangsamoro Government prioritizes research and development, invention, innovation and their utilization; as well as education, training and services in science and technology. It maintains and supports a comprehensive, adequate and integrated high school science education system tailored to the needs of learners in Bangsamoro.

**Section 3. Objectives.**— In implementing the foregoing policy, the Bangsamoro Government, through the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) , is pursuing the following objectives:

(a) Ensure that the Bangsamoro Science High School System is at par with the standards of the existing Philippine Science High School System under the auspices of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST); and

(b) Establish the Bangsamoro Science High School and integrate values education as a way to strengthen the foundations of science and faith among students in the region.

**Section 4. Purpose.**—The purpose of the Bangsamoro Science high School shall be to offer on free scholarship to qualified Bangsamoro learners basis with the end view of preparing its students for science career.

**Section 5. Definition of Terms.**— For purposes of this Act, the following terms are hereby defined as follows:

(a) Bangsamoro Science High School (BSHS)— is a secondary school offering scholarships to deserving Bangsamoro students who shall be admitted and trained

under a curriculum especially designed to prepare them for careers in Science and Technology.

(b) Values education.— refers to one of the subjects of learners of Bangsamoro Science High School that aims to strengthen the foundations of science and faith among them.

## Article II

### SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS

**Section 6. Scope.**— The Bangsamoro Science High School shall be established in Parang Maguindanao for the Bangsamoro learners in the Bangsamoro Region.

**Section 7. The Board of Trustees.**— The Board of Trustees of the Bangsamoro Science High School shall be composed of:

- (a) The Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology as ex-officio chairperson;
- (b) Minister of Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education as ex-officio Vice-Chairperson;
- (c) The president of Mindanao State University System;
- (d) Campus Director of Bangsamoro Science High School;
- (e) President of BSHS Alumni Association; and
- (f) One representative from private sector

**Section 8. Powers and Functions of the Board of Trustees.**— The Board of Trustees shall exercise the powers and privileges of a board of directors of a private corporation. It shall also have the following powers and duties:

- (a) to receive and allocate to the purposes provided by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the Bangsamoro Science Secondary School;
- (b) To approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the director in connection with the employment of professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the school and to fix their compensation and other conditions of employment and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;
- (c) To provide fellowship for faculty members and approve the grant of scholarship, stipends and such other allowances to deserving students;
- (d) To approve the issuance of certificates of diplomas to successful candidates;;
- (e) To provide its own rules of procedure, and to prescribe for the administration of the High School such general rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purpose of the High School, as defined in section 4 of this Act;
- (f) To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and in the absence thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine for the benefit of the High School; and
- (g) To establish criteria for the selection and admission of students, including competitive examinations

**Section 9. Quorum.** A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of majority of all the members holding office at the time of the Board is called. Any proceedings against the Board of Directors shall be served on the Director or the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

**Section 10. The Campus Director.**— The BSHS shall be headed by a Campus Director who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees through the merit and fitness system. The Campus Director shall be the administrative and academic head of his or her campus and is responsible for the campus' operations.

The Campus Director shall not be removed from office except for a just cause.

**Section 11. The Executive Committee.**— The BSHS shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the Campus Director, the heads of department, and such other ranking faculty members or officials of the BSHS as may be determined by the Campus Director.

It shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. to screen and select the students for admission to the BSHS;
- b. to select the recipients of the scholarship, stipends and other allowances;
- c. and to develop the curricula, course of study, and rules of discipline subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

The Executive Committee shall implement and execute the policies established by the Board of Trustees and shall exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

**Section 12. Registrar.**— There shall be a Registrar of the Bangsamoro Science High School who shall also act as the Secretary of the Board. He or She shall be appointed by the Director, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. He or she shall keep such records as may be prescribed by the Board.

**Section 13. Treasurer.**— There shall be a treasurer of the Bangsamoro Science High School who shall be appointed by the Director and subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. All accounts and expenses shall be audited by the Auditor General or his duly authorized representative.

**Section 14. Exemption.** Professors, instructors and other faculty members of the BSHS are exempt from any civil service examination or regulation required for appointment. They shall be selected in accordance with such criteria as may be established by the Board of Trustees which shall include, if necessary and practicable, screening and competitive examination.

Said professors, instructors and faculty members as well as the school's administrative staff shall be exempt from the provisions of the law, rules and regulations on wage and position classification.

**Section 15. Legacies, Gifts and Conditions.** All legacies, gifts, and conditions for the benefit of the Bangsamoro Science High School, or for its support and maintenance, or for aid to any of its students, shall be tax-exempt and shall enjoy allowable deduction from the gross income of the donors. For the purpose of the income tax, the Bangsamoro Science High School is exempt from paying all taxes, fees, assessments and other charges of the Government, its branches and subdivisions.

**Section 16. Incomes and Donations.** All revenues and donations to the Bangsamoro Science High School created under this Act shall constitute a special fund to be known as the Bangsamoro Science High School Fund. This Fund shall be expended by the Board of Trustees exclusively for the purpose of this Act.

**Section 17. Appropriations.**— The initial amount of Seventeen Million Four Hundred Thirty-two Thousand Two Hundred Six Pesos and Thirty-four centavos (Ph P 17,432,206.34) and One Hundred Thirty-seven Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Ph137,750,000.00) shall be allocated for Personnel Services and Capital Outlay, respectively.

(a) For year 2024, One Hundred Thirty-seven Million Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-one Pesos (PhP137,414,57);

(b) For year 2025, Two Hundred Two Million One Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Pesos (PhP202,153,780)

(c) For year 2026, One Hundred Eighty-seven Million, One Hundred Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-one Pesos(Php187,120,631)

(d) For year 2027, Two Hundred Thirty-one Million Two Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-nine (PhP231,226,699.00);

(e) For year 2028,Two Hundred Thirty-six Million Eight Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-four Pesos (PhP201, 828, 274); and

(f) For the year 2029, One Hundred Fifty-four Million Two Hundred Ninety-six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-three Pesos (PhP 154, 296,293).

### ARTICLE III FINAL PROVISIONS

**Section 18. Separability Clause.**— If any provisions of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act or application of such provision of other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 19. Repealing Clause.**— All other regional acts, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 20. Effectivity.**— This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a news paper of regional circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

*Adopted.*

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