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AN ACT  
CREATING THE BANGSAMORO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,  
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 21, Article IX of the Bangsamoro Organic Law states that the Bangsamoro Government recognizes science and technology as essential to national and regional progress. The Bangsamoro Government shall give priority to science, research, inventions, technology education, and their development. It shall ensure the full and effective participation of all sectors in the planning, programming, coordination, and implementation of scientific and technological researches. The Bangsamoro Government shall prioritize the acquisition, adoption, innovation, and application of science and technology for development.

As such, it highlighted the region's recognition of the importance of scientific research and development (R&D) in the rebuilding of the region's social and economic foundation. It is believed that any state that aspires to develop must embark on exploration, discovery, invention, and the continuous development of knowledge, techniques, and technologies already enjoyed.

As the Bangsamoro region rebuilds itself from the past conflict systems, several underlying social issues are brought to light. Issues such as poverty, disaster resilience, food security, climate change, cybersecurity, waste management, sustainable biodiversity, and most importantly in this state of COVID-19 pandemic, health. These are some of the many problems that require the attention of the Bangsamoro region, their impact are far-reaching and span to several generations. It is without a doubt that most, if not all, merit a scientific approach in resolving these overlapping and intertwining issues.

Scientific research and development is viewed as a tool for prevention as well as troubleshooting. Investing in R&D taps into the region's potentials, especially its human resources. Apart from the aim of producing systems, products, and services to improve the quality of life, it creates an opportunity for talented and creative Bangsamoro to harness and improve their competence.

The creation of the Bangsamoro Research and Development Authority, proposed in this measure, will set the region's directions and priorities in terms of its scientific research policies. The establishment of this body is proof that the region is preparing itself for advancement, as it aims to develop industries and improve its economic resilience for the Bangsamoro People. This bill aims at creating an environment for coordination and collaboration between the government, its offices, the private sector, non-government organizations, and individuals engaged in research and development. It will provide institutional arrangements in promoting the use of science in the region.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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THEREFOR

**Section 1. Short Title.** – This act shall be known as the “*Bangsamoro Research and Development Act of 2022.*”

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** - The Bangsamoro Government recognizes science and technology as essential to national and regional progress. The Bangsamoro Government shall give priority to science, research, inventions, technology education, and their development. It shall ensure the full and effective participation of all sectors in the planning, programming, coordination, and implementation of scientific and technological researches. The Bangsamoro Government shall prioritize the acquisition, adoption, innovation, and application of science and technology for development.

**Section 3. Bangsamoro Research and Development Authority.** – There is hereby created the Bangsamoro Research and Development Authority, herein referred to as the Authority.

The Authority shall be attached to the Ministry of Science and Technology, and shall execute the powers and functions herein vested and conferred upon it, in such a manner as will, in its judgment, aid to the fullest possible extent in carrying out the aims and purposes of this Act.

**Section 4. Powers and Functions.** – The Authority shall have the following powers and functions:



- a. To formulate the research and development agenda for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, which shall entail the region's priority research initiatives, the overall strategy for the use of science, and mechanisms to promote and coordinate research and development activities undertaken by entities within the region.
- b. To recommend a system of establishing priority research and development areas where the Bangsamoro Government's resources shall be directed;
- c. To recommend mechanisms, structures and measures to encourage private research and development funding as well as international support to research and development initiatives;
- d. To promote, improve and develop scientific and industrial research which includes the utilization of natural resources, infrastructure, health, agriculture, information technology and energy.
- e. To review existing institutional arrangements to coordinate research and development activities of government organizations, academe, business sector, non-government organizations.
- f. To oversee the allocation of budget on research and development by the ministries, agencies and offices, state colleges and universities of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;
- g. To exercise supervision on research initiatives by government organizations, academe, non-government organizations or persons in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region which are funded by the government;
- h. To publish, sell or distribute, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the scientific and technical information as the Authority deems necessary;
- i. To license, sell or allow the utilization, receive royalties, fees and payments for patent rights vested in or owned or controlled by the Authority, in respect to discovery, invention or improvement in processes, manufacture, or apparatus.

**Section 5. Board of Directors.** – The Board which shall exercise the powers vested through this act shall be composed of the following:

- (a) Minister of Science and Technology, as Chairperson;
- (b) Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform, as vice-chairperson;
- (c) Minister of Finance, Budget and Management;
- (d) Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy;
- (e) Minister of Health;
- (f) Minister of Trade, Investment, and Tourism;
- (g) Minister of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education;
- (h) Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology of the Bangsamoro Parliament
- (i) President of the Mindanao State University Systems;
- (j) Two (2) representatives from the private sector, with main office situated in the Bangsamoro region, as is operating within the region;
- (k) Two (2) representatives from organizations of scientists and engineers in th, as members.

The representatives from the private sector and the organizations of scientists and engineers engaged in research and development shall be appointed by the Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region upon recommendation by the Minister of Science and Technology. The representatives may exercise their vested authority and functions for the duration of their five (5) years term without reappointment.



**Section 6. Powers and Functions of the Board.** – The Board of Directors shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- a. To promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose and functions of the Authority;
- b. To own, manage and hold such real and personal property as shall be necessary for purposes of the Authority;
- c. To collect, receive and maintain funds from government appropriations, donations, grants, gifts, and loans;
- d. To appropriate and utilize revenue in the promotion of its aims and purposes, and to support the functions of the Authority.
- e. To receive gifts and donations of real and personal properties.
- f. To authorize the construction or repair of buildings, equipment and other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real and personal properties, supplies and equipment;
- g. To appoint, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director of the Authority, the officials and employees of the Authority in accordance with the staffing pattern duly approved by the Board;
- h. To approve and endorse the Bangsamoro Research and Development Agenda;
- i. To approve the institutional programs, projects and rules of discipline formulated by the Executive Director of the Authority;
- j. To delegate any of its powers and duties to the Executive Director or other officials of the Authority as it may deem necessary;
- k. To establish and maintain forms of linkages with local government units, institutions and agencies both public and private;

**Section 7. Board Meetings.** – The Board shall meet regularly at least once every quarter or as often as it deems necessary upon written request signed by a majority of the members. A majority of all shall constitute a quorum.

The members of the Board shall be entitled to reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either for attendance in the meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by resolution of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.

**Section 8. Executive Director of the Authority.** – The Board shall have an executive director who shall be appointed by the Chief Minister upon recommendation of the Minister of Science and Technology, to serve in a co-terminus capacity with the Chief Minister, unless sooner removed for cause, with provision for re-appointment. In case of removal for cause, the replacement shall serve only the unexpired portion of the term. The executive director shall be of proven probity and integrity, and a degree holder in any of the following fields: economics, business, public administration, law, accounting, management or their equivalent, and with at least eight (8) years relevant working experience, preferably in the field of financial and legal management or public administration and with civil service eligibility, or its equivalent.

**Section 9. Powers and Duties of the Executive Director.** – The executive director shall be the overall coordinator of the policies, plans, and programs of the Authority. As such, he shall provide overall supervision and general direction to the programs and activities to carry

out the purposes and objectives of the Authority. He shall determine the structure and staffing pattern and personnel, subject to the approval of the Board.

In addition, he shall have the following specific powers and responsibilities:

- a. To submit for the consideration of the Board the policies and measures necessary to carry out the mandate of the authority;
- b. To recommend, coordinate and administer the programs and projects of the Authority;
- c. To direct and supervise the operations and internal administration of the Authority;
- d. To submit an annual report to the Board regard program of works of the Authority during the year, its financial operations and status, and the formulation of programs of activities and its budget for the following year;
- e. To perform such other duties and exercises such powers as may be prescribed by the Board.

**Section 10. *Initial Organization of the Authority.*** – Within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, the Authority assisted by the Ministry of Science and Technology – BARMM shall submit a five (5) year development plan to the Office of the Chief Minister, as well as to the Bangsamoro Parliament through the Office of the Parliament Speaker. The Authority shall set up its organizational and administrative structure, and draft the necessary Capital Outlay, Maintenance, Operating and Other Expenses (MOOE) and Personnel Services of the Authority for the inclusion in the BARMM Budget for the succeeding year.

**Section 11. *Appropriations.*** - Upon the effectivity of this Act, such sum as may be necessary for its Capital Outlay, Maintenance, Operating and Other Expenses (MOOE) and Personnel Services (PS) shall be determined by the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management in consultation with the Board.

Additional funds of the Authority which may come from the proceeds from fees, charges, and other revenue-generating activities which the Authority is authorized to impose and collect shall not be used for any other purpose other than what is provided for under this Act.

**Section 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform, and the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management, shall issue rules and regulations necessary to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

**Section 13. *Separability Clause.*** - If any section or part of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, all other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 14. *Repealing Clause.*** - All ordinances, executive orders, administrative orders, or other rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**Section 15. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication.

Approved,



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