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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Highlighting the achievement of exemplary Bangsamoro individuals is a great motivator for them to keep up the good work. Moreover, such recognition can also inspire their fellow Bangsamoro to volunteer and excel. When we highlight the achievement of our people, we fuel their economic and social progress which ultimately strengthens our community. Sometimes it only takes a little spark for us to take the extra steps necessary to achieve our goals. If we highlight enough little sparks, we can start a roaring bonfire of achievement.

The Bangsamoro government has been actively recognizing individuals and organizations for their various remarkable achievements. This has been manifested through several resolutions enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament. However, the Bangsamoro Government should undertake to provide greater support to our students and athletes to further develop excellence and sporting cultures in the Bangsamoro autonomous region. This Bill can help serve to meet these objectives as it seeks to institutionalize the grant of cash incentives to exemplary Bangsamoro who excel in academic, and major sports and skills competitions.

Indeed, topping the Bar and PRC Board exams or clinching a spot in an international academics, sports or skills competition is not an easy feat and therefore Bangsamoro individuals who are able to excel in these fields deserve rewards from the regional government as they also bring glory and pride to the homeland.

In view of the foregoing, this representation earnestly seeks the enactment of this Bill.



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*Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Parliament in session:*

**Section 1.** Title. This Act shall be known as the “Bangsamoro Incentives Act of 2023.”

**Sec. 2.** Declaration of Policies. It is the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to give due recognition and appreciation to Bangsamoro examinees who achieve remarkable results in the Bar and Board examinations and victors of international academics, sports and skills competitions. They represent the best and the brightest of the Bangsamoro who exhibit qualities that do not only inspire excellence and inculcate competitive spirit, but also bring glory and honor to the Bangsamoro.

**Sec. 3. Definition of Terms.** As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean, to wit:

a. “**Bar Examinations**” shall mean the professional licensure examination for lawyers in the Philippines. The exam is exclusively administered by the Supreme Court of the Philippines through the Supreme Court Bar Examination Committee.

b. “**Board Examinations**” shall refer to the examinations conducted nationwide as per schedule to determine qualifications of graduates of various professions who seek licensure to practice their respective professions or area of specialization sanctioned by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

c. “**Topnotcher**” shall refer to individuals who are officially declared Top one (1) Top ten (10) in Bar examinations by the Supreme Court of the Philippines or in Board Examinations by the Professional Regulations Commission.

d. **"International Sports Competitions"** shall mean sports competitions, except exhibition games, that are accredited or sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee and/or the International Sports Federations such as:

1. Summer Olympics;
2. World Championship of respective sports;
3. Asian Games;
4. Asian Championship of respective sports;
5. South East Asian Games;
6. ASEAN Championship of respective sports; and
7. Special Olympics

e. **"International Skills Competitions"** shall refer to the multi-level skills competitions in the international or worldwide level which aim to recognize the skills excellence of young skilled workers and graduates of technical vocational schools and training centers. Skills competitions must have been duly organized and/or sanctioned or accredited by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

f. **"International Academic Competitions"** shall refer to the academic related competitions in the international or worldwide levels accredited by concerned national agencies.

**Sec. 4. Amount of Incentives.** a) For Bar examinations and Physician Board examinations topnotchers, the grantees shall be entitled to receive the following cash incentives:

Top 1	-	Php 150,000.00
Top 2-5	-	Php 100,000.00
Top 6-10	-	Php 50,000.00

b) For other PRC licensure examinations topnotchers, the grantees shall be entitled to receive the following cash incentives:

Top 1	-	Php 100,000.00
Top 2-5	-	Php 50,000.00
Top 6-10	-	Php 30,000.00

c) For winners of international individual sports, skills or academic competitions, the grantees shall be entitled to receive the following cash incentives:

**ASIAN**

1st Placer/Gold Medalist	-	Php 100,000.00
2nd Placer/Silver Medalist	-	Php 50,000.00
3rd Placer/Bronze Medalist	-	Php 30,000.00

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1st Placer/Gold Medalist	-	Php 150,000.00
2nd Placer/Silver Medalist	-	Php 100,000.00
3rd Placer/Bronze Medalist	-	Php 50,000.00

d) For winners of international paired or group sports, skills or academic competitions, the grantees shall be entitled to receive the following cash incentives for the whole group:

**ASIAN**

1st Placer/Gold Medalist	-	Php 200,000.00
2nd Placer/Silver Medalist	-	Php 100,000.00
3rd Placer/Bronze Medalist	-	Php 60,000.00



**WORLD**

1st Placer/Gold Medalist -	Php 300,000.00
2nd Placer/Silver Medalist -	Php 200,000.00
3rd Placer/Bronze Medalist -	Php 100,000.00

e) Coaches and Trainers of grantees shall receive cash incentives equivalent to twenty percent (20%) of the amount received by the grantees.

**Sec. 5. Eligibility Requirements.** To qualify as a grantee under this Act, an applicant must:

a. Be a natural-born Filipino citizen and a bona-fide resident of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao; and

b. Present a certificate or any document issued by the Supreme Court of the Philippines or the Philippine Regulations Commission proving the fact that he/she is a toponotcher as defined in this Act or any documentary proof that he/she participated and won first (1), second (2nd) or third (3rd) places or gold, silver and bronze medals accordingly in a duly accredited sports, skills and academic competitions in the international and worldwide levels.

**Sec. 6.** The Office of the Chief Minister shall be responsible for the screening of applicants. It may issue guidelines defining the processes for application and release of the cash incentives.

c. **Sec. 7. Appropriations.** The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the budget of the Office of the Chief Minister. Thereafter, such sums as necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

**Sec. 8. Separability Clause.** The provisions of this Act shall be separable so that if for any reason any provision or part hereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or the provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.** All regional laws, executive orders, rules or regulations, or any part thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Sec. 10. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Approved,

AUTHOR:



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*Member of the Parliament*

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