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2 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
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4 Cotabato City



11 **BTA PARLIAMENT**
12 *Second Regular Session*

13 Parliament Bill No. 207



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23 **AN ACT**
24 **GRANTING CASH INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION TO BANGSAMORO**
25 **TOPNOTCHERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER**
26 **PURPOSES**

27 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

28 Section 2 (3), Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution mandates the establishment and
29 maintenance of an incentive system, among others, which shall be available to deserving
30 students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged.

31 The Bangsamoro Government has consistently honored the achievements of its
32 exceptional constituents in their respective fields of work and professions. And the
33 *Bangsamoro Topnotcher Act of 2023* is one way of expressing gratitude for the honor and
34 pride that the Bangsamoro topnotchers bring to the Bangsamoro through their
35 remarkable performance in their academic pursuits.

36 The Bangsamoro Parliament approved and adopted Proposed Resolution Nos.
37 260, 261, 203, 218, 234, 257, 295, and 309 commending and congratulating Nishrien
38 Amatonding Barua, Al-Zaheer Adil Abubakar, Hamid Simpall Salik, Benjamin Rinabor,
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1 Piamae Keil Roslin, Nur-Hafieza Jannah I. Abinal, Yasser Binsuan, and Abdul Baterbonia
2 Lumanggal, respectively for being topnotchers in the national licensure examinations.
3 They have followed in the footsteps of Atty. Macapanton Abbas Sr., Atty. Kamar M.
4 Boloto, Atty. Gafar E. Lutian, Atty. Mylene Amerol-Macumbal, and Atty. Princess Fatima
5 Parahiman landed Top 2 in the Philippine bar exam.
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7 Rewarding systems have often been used to help improve students' academic
8 achievements. The desire for the reward develops a healthy learning habit and generates
9 interest, which leads to effort and results.
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11 In accordance with the above-mentioned mandate, a *Bangsamoro Topnotcher Act of*
12 *2023* will be institutionalized in order to recognize the competence and brilliance of the
13 Bangsamoro and to ensure the continuation of a legacy in the academe.
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15 This will also serve as an inspiration to the graduates to strive for excellence in
16 their respective fields and endeavors. The recognition to be accorded to these topnotchers
17 deserves emulation and, therefore, is worthy of public acknowledgment.
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19 In light of the vital significance of education in nation-building, the approval of
20 this bill is earnestly sought.
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26 *Member of the Parliament – Bangsamoro Transition Authority*

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30 *BE IT ENACTED by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:*

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32 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "*Bangsamoro Topnotcher Act*
33 *of 2023*".

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35 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the Bangsamoro
36 Government to promote excellence in academic pursuits by providing incentives to
37 Bangsamoro individuals who have brought honor and recognition to the region by
38 topping national licensure examinations. Towards this end, it shall establish and
39 maintain an incentive system which shall be available to deserving students in both
40 public and private schools.

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42 **SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** - As used in this Act, the term "*Bangsamoro*
43 *Topnotcher/s*" refers to Bangsamoro individuals who earned a spot in the Top ten (10) lists
44 of their respective professional licensure examinations given by the Professional

1 Regulatory Commission (PRC) or the Supreme Court of the Philippines: *Provided*, That
2 he or she must be a resident and a registered voter in the Bangsamoro region prior to the
3 examination.

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5 **SECTION 4. *Cash Incentives for Bangsamoro Topnotcher.*** - *Bangsamoro Topnotchers* shall
6 be entitled to cash awards in the following amounts:

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8 1. Top One (1) to Three (3) - One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) each;
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10 2. Top Four (4) to Six (6) - Seventy-Five Thousand Pesos (P75,000.00) each; and
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12 3. Top Seven (7) to Ten (10) - Fifty Thousand Pesos (50,000.00) each.

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14 *Provided*, That these amounts may be increased whenever circumstances so warrant, and
15 the recipient shall be invited to regional events that recognize and acknowledge the
16 importance of excellence in academic pursuits.

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18 **SECTION 5. *Prohibition Against Diminution of Incentives*** - No memorandum, order,
19 or issuance shall diminish the prescribed schedule of incentives. Donations and gifts from
20 individuals, institutions, or groups shall be construed as distinct and separate from the
21 cash incentives provided herein.

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23 **SECTION 6. *Implementing Agency.*** - Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this
24 Act, the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education shall develop and adopt a
25 program to effectuate the provisions of this Act and promulgate such rules and
26 regulations that will govern the grant of awards and incentives.

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28 **SECTION 7. *Appropriations.*** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this
29 Act shall be included in the budget of the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical
30 Education. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation
31 of this Act shall be included in the annual Bangsamoro Appropriations Act.

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33 **SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.*** - All regional laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations,
34 other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
35 repealed or modified accordingly.

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37 **SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act is declared
38 unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other parts or
39 provisions not affected thereby shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

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41 **SECTION 10. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its complete
42 publication in at least two (2) regional newspapers of general circulation.

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