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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BANGSAMORO TEACHERS' CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a powerful tool that can transform societies, uplift individuals, and foster economic growth. In the context of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), education holds even greater importance due to its potential to bring peace, unity, and prosperity to the region. One crucial aspect of enhancing the quality of education in Bangsamoro is the establishment of a continuing education program for teachers.

Continuous education allows Bangsamoro teachers to keep pace with the evolving field of education. Teachers can learn about innovative teaching methods, technologies, and educational tools that can enhance their classroom practices. This, in turn, leads to improved learning outcomes for students.

The establishment of a continuing education program sends a clear message that the government and society value the work of teachers. This recognition can motivate teachers to perform at their best and be more committed to their profession. It not only improves the quality of education but also enhances teacher motivation, addresses unique regional needs, and contributes to the long-term development of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. By investing in its educators, the region invests in its future, paving the way for a more educated, prosperous, and peaceful society.

Due to the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Bangsamoro Teachers' Continuing Education Act of 2023".

- SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is a declared policy of the State to promote and improve the social and economic status of public school teachers, their living and working conditions, their terms of employment, and career prospects in order that they may compare favorably with existing opportunities in other walks of life, attract and retain in the teaching profession more people with the proper qualifications, it being recognized that advance in education depends on the qualifications and ability of the teaching staff and that education is an essential factor in the economic growth of the nation as a productive investment of vital importance.
- **SEC. 3.** The Bangsamoro Teachers' Continuing Education Program. There is hereby established a Bangsamoro Teachers' Continuing Education Program to ensure that the Bangsamoro teachers are able to keep pace with the evolving field of education, and are offered opportunities to refresh their knowledge, especially in fields where advancements are frequent.
- **SEC. 4.** Requirements of completion of the Program. All Bangsamoro public school teachers shall complete every three (3) years at least eighteen (18) hours of continuing education activities approved by the Bangsamoro Education Board. Of the 18 hours:

- a) At least eight (8) hours shall be devoted to refresher courses in the subjects they teach equivalent to eight (8) credit units.
- b) At least three (3) hours shall be devoted to the Code of Professional Conduct for Public School Teachers equivalent to three (3) credit units.
- c) At least four (4) hours shall be devoted to innovative teaching methods, technologies, and educational tools equivalent to four (4) credit units.
- d) At least three (3) hours shall be devoted to conflict resolution, peace education, cultural sensitivity, and diversity equivalent to three (3) credit units.

Completion of the Program shall form part of the qualification standards in promotional appointments of Bangsamoro public school teachers.

- **SEC. 5.** Computation of Credit Units and Hours. Credit units shall be equivalent to credit hours. Credit hours are determined by calculating the time spent in an educational activity in hours and rounding to the nearest one-quarter hour, reported in decimal form.
- **SEC. 6.** *Bangsamoro Education Board.* The Bangsamoro Education Board constituted under the Bangsamoro Administrative Code shall administer the implementation of the Program in accordance with this Act.

Within three (3) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act including the guidelines for computing credit units and the supporting documents required therefor.

The Board shall hire the required personnel to carry out essential tasks such as record-keeping, auditing, reporting, approval, and other functions.

- **SEC. 7.** *Appropriations.* The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual Bangsamoro General Appropriations Act.
- **SEC. 8.** Separability Clause. In case any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.
- **SEC. 9.** *Repealing Clause.* All regional laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
- **SEC. 10.** *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the region.

Approved,

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