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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING THE BANGSAMORO LEARNING RECOVERY FUND, THEREBY**  
**IMPLEMENTING COMPREHENSIVE LEARNING RECOVERY INITIATIVES**  
**FOR STUDENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND FOR**  
**OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges to the education system in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, with far-reaching consequences for the learning outcomes and academic progress of the students. The sudden closure of schools, the shift to remote learning, and the disruption of traditional educational routines have created substantial learning gaps, exacerbating existing disparities in our educational landscape.

This measure is a legislative response to this critical need. It establishes a dedicated Learning Recovery Fund to channel resources specifically toward bridging the learning gaps that have emerged during the pandemic.

The primary objective of this legislation is to empower the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE) to deploy the Learning Recovery Fund for a range of targeted initiatives. These initiatives include additional tutoring and academic support for students who have fallen behind, the expansion of accessible and high-quality educational resources, specific interventions for students with special education needs or disabilities, opportunities for professional development among educators to enhance their capacity to address these learning gaps, and the promotion of community engagement and parental involvement in education.


It is important to emphasize that this legislation prioritizes those who have been most affected by the learning gaps and seeks to address the unique challenges faced by disadvantaged and vulnerable students. The Act is designed to be in effect until a specified date, after which it will

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undergo a thorough review and renewal process, ensuring its relevance and effectiveness in an ever-evolving educational landscape.

This Act underscores our dedication to a robust and equitable education system and represents our commitment to the future of our students and the long-term prosperity of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

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

  
**AMILBAHAR S. MAWALLIL**  
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**BE IT ENACTED** by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament assembled:

**Section 1. Title.** – This act shall be known as the "*Bangsamoro Learning Recovery Act of 2023.*"

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It hereby declared the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to ensure the right to quality education for all students in the region, with particular attention to those who have been most adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. It recognizes the recent crisis as an exceptional circumstance, leading to learning gaps for students who have been disproportionately affected by the disruptions in their education.

Toward this end, it shall take proactive measures to address these gaps and prioritize the recovery of lost knowledge and skills of students through the allocation and utilization of resources for learning recovery initiatives.

**Section 3. Learning Recovery Fund.** – The Bangsamoro Government shall establish a Learning Recovery Fund (Fund) to serve as a dedicated financial resource for students in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to address the learning gaps that have emerged due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This fund shall be administered by the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE).

The Fund shall support a range of initiatives aimed at addressing learning gaps, including but not limited to:

- A. Providing additional tutoring, supplementary classes, remedial programs, and personalized academic support for students;
- B. Expanding access to high-quality online and offline educational resources;
- C. Offering targeted interventions for students with special education needs;
- D. Professional development opportunities and training workshops for educators to enhance their ability to address the learning gaps; and
- E. Assessing and monitoring the progress of students in their learning recovery.

**Section 4. *Accountability and Transparency.*** – The MBHTE shall submit regular progress reports to the Parliament on the implementation of learning recovery initiatives which shall be made publicly available, including information on the allocation and expenditure of funds.

**Section 5. *Sunset Clause.*** – This Act shall remain in effect for three (3) years, at which point it shall be subject to review and renewal as necessary.

**Section 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The MBHTE shall issue the rules and regulations necessary for the proper implementation of this Act within six (6) months from its effectivity.

**Section 7. *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 8. *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 9. *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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*Member of the Parliament*

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