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AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY
COLLEGE SYSTEM AS THE PREMIER EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTION FOR TRAINING, HUMAN RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION OF ALL
POLICE, FIRE AND JAIL PERSONNEL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine
2 Public Safety College System Act of 2009”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the
4 State to provide quality education and training in the field of public safety for
5 the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and
6 the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and to develop a highly
7 competent police force that is national in scope but civilian in character, that

1 shall be primarily tasked with enforcing the law, preventing and controlling
2 crimes, and ensuring public safety and internal security with the active support
3 of the community.

4 In this regard, the State shall endeavor to strengthen the Philippine
5 Public Safety College System's (PPSCS) institutional capacity by establishing
6 policies which shall promote the achievement of a more integrated education
7 system that is responsive to present-day requirements and standards of
8 professional competence by granting the PPSCS academic freedom and
9 autonomy as a chartered higher education institution.

10 SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* – The Philippine Public Safety College
11 System, hereinafter referred to as the College System, shall serve as the
12 premier educational institution for degree and non-degree programs, including
13 training, human resources development and continuing education, for all
14 personnel of the PNP, the BFP and the BJMP, as well as personnel of the
15 College System and other related agencies and organizations.

16 SEC. 4. *Composition of the College System.* – The College System
17 shall be composed of the present Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA),
18 the Fire National Training Institute (FNTI), the Jail National Training Institute
19 (JNTI), the Police National Training Institute (PNTI) and its Regional Training
20 Schools (RTSs), the National Police College (NPC), the National Forensic
21 Science Training Institute (NFSTI) and other institutes or special training
22 centers, as may be created by the Board of Trustees.

23 SEC. 5. *Administration.* – The College System shall have the general
24 powers of a corporation set forth in Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as amended,
25 otherwise known as “The Corporation Code of the Philippines”. The
26 administration of the College System and the exercise of its corporate powers
27 shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees and the President of the

1 College System. It shall be attached to the Department of the Interior and
2 Local Government (DILG) for program and policy coordination only.

3 SEC. 6. *The Board of Trustees.* – The governance of the College
4 System is hereby vested in the Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the
5 Board, which shall be composed of the following:

6 (a) The Secretary of the DILG as Chairperson;

7 (b) The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
8 as Co-chairperson;

9 (c) The President of the College System as Vice Chairperson;

10 (d) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Education, Arts and
11 Culture, member;

12 (e) The Chairperson of the House Committee on Higher and Technical
13 Education, member;

14 (f) The Director-General of the Technical Education and Skills
15 Development Authority (TESDA), member;

16 (g) The Chief of the PNP, member;

17 (h) The Chief of the BFP, member; and

18 (i) The Chief of the BJMP, member.

19 SEC. 7. *Powers and Duties of the Board.* – The administration of the
20 College System and the exercise of its corporate powers are vested in the
21 Board.

22 The Board shall exercise the following specific powers and duties:

23 (a) Promulgate policies in accordance with the declared State policies
24 on education and other pertinent provisions of the Philippine Constitution on
25 education, as well as the policies, standards and thrusts of the CHED under
26 Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Act of
27 1994”.

1 (b) Formulate such academic programs, curricula and standards for
2 degree and non-degree courses of study, including the conduct of distance
3 education and training programs in line with the qualifications and service
4 upgrading program for public safety services, compatible with their mandated
5 roles and institutional vision to attain competent standards of public safety
6 education and training, in coordination, when necessary, with the CHED and
7 the TESDA;

8 (c) Prescribe the rules and regulations for its own governance and the
9 discipline of the faculty and other personnel, and to enact for the governance of
10 the College System such general policies, rules and regulations, not contrary to
11 law, as are consistent with the purposes and functions of the College System;

12 (d) Grant and confer academic degrees and diplomas and proficiency
13 certificates for degree and non-degree courses;

14 (e) Set policies on admission, graduation and discipline of students;

15 (f) Receive and appropriate all sums as may be provided for the
16 support of the College System in the manner it may determine, in its discretion,
17 to carry out the purposes and functions of the College System;

18 (g) Recommend to the President of the Philippines the appointment of
19 the President of the College System selected through the proper search process
20 and act on the appointment of other key officials of the College System in
21 accordance with the provisions of pertinent laws;

22 (h) Receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real properties of
23 all kinds and to administer and dispose the same when necessary for the benefit
24 of the College System, subject to limitations, directions and instructions of the
25 donor, if any;

26 (i) Import duty-free economic, technical and cultural books and/or
27 publications, upon certification by the CHED that such imported books and/or

1 publications are for academic and related purposes, in accordance with the
2 provisions of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended;

3 (j) Determine the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, after
4 due consultation with the heads of the College System's constitutive
5 institutions in conformity with the CHED guidelines on tuition fees and other
6 charges.

7 Such fees and charges, and other income generated by the College
8 System, shall constitute special trust funds and shall be deposited in any
9 authorized government depository bank. Any and all interests that shall accrue
10 therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of the College System;

11 (k) Adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and school fees
12 for greater access of poor but deserving students;

13 (l) Provide local and international fellowships, scholarships and grants,
14 and to award the same to faculty, staff and students based on merit;

15 (m) Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery,
16 equipment and other facilities and support systems, and the purchase and
17 acquisition of real and personal properties, including the necessary supplies,
18 materials and equipment;

19 (n) Determine and adjust salaries of faculty members and
20 administrative officials and employees, subject to the provisions of the Revised
21 Compensation and Position Classification System and other pertinent budget
22 and compensation laws governing hours of service, and such other duties and
23 conditions as it may deem proper; to grant them, at its discretion, leaves of
24 absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of existing
25 law to the contrary notwithstanding; and to remove them for cause in
26 accordance with the requirements of due process of law;

1 (o) Use all incomes generated by the College System and its
2 constitutive institutions at its discretion: *Provided*, That all such disbursements
3 shall be for the professional growth and development, health, welfare and other
4 benefits of faculty members and other personnel; the acquisition, construction,
5 maintenance and repair of urgently needed instructional and auxiliary facilities,
6 equipment, buildings and other infrastructure, and such other expenditures
7 necessary for the attainment of its purpose under this Act: *Provided, further*,
8 That such income shall not be used to augment appropriations for personal
9 services expenditures;

10 (p) Establish research and extension centers of the College System
11 where such will promote the development of the latter and provide for
12 adequate guidelines on the protection, utilization and commercialization of
13 intellectual creations owned by the College System;

14 (q) Establish professorial chair awards and provide for the maintenance
15 or endowment of such chairs;

16 (r) Create a culture of excellence and quality service through multi-
17 sectoral linkages, both local and international, faculty and staff development
18 studies;

19 (s) Authorize an external management audit of the institution and
20 institute reforms, including academic and structural changes, on the basis of the
21 audit results and recommendations;

22 (t) Enter into joint ventures with business and industry for the
23 profitable development and management of the economic assets of the College
24 System, the proceeds from which shall be used for its development and
25 strengthening;

1 (u) Develop consortia and other forms of linkages with local
2 government units, institutions and agencies, both public and private, local and
3 foreign, in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the College System;

4 (v) Develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building
5 with appropriate institutions and agencies, public or private, local or foreign,
6 and appoint experts/specialists as consultants, or visiting or exchange
7 professors, scholars, researchers, as the case may be;

8 (w) Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative
9 decision-making and transparency within the College System;

10 (x) Extend the term of the President of the College System beyond the
11 age of retirement but not beyond the age of seventy (70), if his/her
12 performance has been unanimously rated as outstanding by the Board and upon
13 unanimous recommendation by the search committee for the President of the
14 College System;

15 (y) Delegate any of its powers and duties provided for hereinabove to
16 the President and/or other officials of the College System as it may deem
17 appropriate, so as to expedite the administration of its affairs; and

18 (z) Exercise such other powers as may be necessary and proper to carry
19 out the objectives of this Act.

20 SEC. 8. *Meetings of the Board; Quorum.* – The Board shall regularly
21 convene at least once every quarter. The Chairperson of the Board may call a
22 special meeting whenever necessary: *Provided,* That members are notified in
23 writing at least three (3) days prior to said meeting.

24 A simple majority of the actual members of the Board holding office at
25 the time the meeting is called shall constitute a quorum.

26 In the absence of the Chairperson, the Co-chairperson shall preside over
27 the meeting.

1 If in case the DILG Secretary and the Chairperson of the CHED shall
2 not be able to attend the Board meeting, they may designate their respective
3 representatives to the said meeting, with all the rights and responsibilities of a
4 *regular member of the Board: Provided, That the Vice Chairperson shall*
5 *preside over the meeting.*

6 In case the Chairpersons of the Congressional Committees on Education
7 shall not be able to attend the Board meeting, they may designate their
8 respective representatives to the said meeting, with all the rights and
9 responsibilities of a regular member of the Board.

10 SEC. 9. *Compensation.* – The members of the Board shall serve
11 without compensation but they shall be entitled to *per diems* and
12 reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in their attendance of meetings
13 of the Board or in connection with their official business authorized by
14 resolution of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.

15 SEC. 10. *The Secretary of the College System.* – The Board shall
16 appoint a Secretary who shall maintain custody and ensure the security of all
17 records of the Board. He/She shall duly notify in writing each member of the
18 Board about the time, place, venue and agenda of each meeting.

19 SEC. 11. *The College President.* – The College System shall be headed
20 by a President who shall be its chief executive officer. The President, who
21 shall render full-time service, shall be responsible for the administration and
22 operation of the College System in accordance with its mandate, vision and
23 goals.

24 The President of the College System must be at least forty (40) years of
25 age, a member of the Philippine Bar or holder of a Master's Degree in
26 Criminology, Public Safety, Public Administration, National Security

1 Administration, Sociology or related disciplines and must have gained
2 reasonable work experience in any branch of the criminal justice system.

3 The President of the College System shall be appointed by the President
4 of the Philippines, upon recommendation by the Board and after going through
5 a search committee and shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, renewable
6 for another term of four (4) years but not beyond the age of seventy (70),
7 unless sooner removed for cause as provided for under existing civil service
8 law, rules and regulations, or has reached the compulsory retirement age or
9 incapacitated to discharge the duties of the office: *Provided*, That the
10 incumbent President shall serve as the first College President under this
11 Charter for a four (4)-year term as provided herein.

12 Within six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the
13 incumbent President of the College System, the Board shall constitute a search
14 committee to select the next President of the College System or determine the
15 qualification of the incumbent for a second term.

16 SEC. 12. *The Vice Presidents of the College System, Duties and*
17 *Functions.* – There shall be appointed a Vice President for Administration and
18 a Vice President for Academic Affairs for the College System who shall assist
19 the President in ensuring its smooth and efficient operation.

20 Both the Vice Presidents for Administration and Academic Affairs shall
21 be appointed by the Board, upon recommendation of the President of the
22 College System, after going through an appropriate search procedure. They
23 shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, renewable for another term upon
24 recommendation of the President of the College System but not beyond the age
25 of seventy (70), unless sooner removed for cause as provided for under
26 existing civil service law, rules and regulations, or have reached the
27 compulsory retirement age or are incapacitated to discharge the duties of the

1 office. They must be at least forty (40) years of age on the date of assumption
2 of office, members of the Philippine Bar or holders of a Master's Degree in
3 Criminology, Public Safety, Public Administration, National Security
4 Administration, Education, Sociology or other related disciplines and must
5 have had experience in any branch of the criminal justice system.

6 (a) The Vice President for Administration shall be responsible for
7 coordinating all services relating to procurement, distribution and storage of
8 supplies, property and equipment, records and correspondence, transportation,
9 communication, custodial and general utility; budgeting, disbursements,
10 accounting and other financial matters; career planning and development;
11 personnel transactions and employees' benefits and welfare; and other related
12 activities, in coordination with the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

13 (b) The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall be responsible for
14 the supervision of all academic programs, formulation of standards and
15 curricula, development of faculty programs, library services and conduct of
16 researches in support of curriculum and faculty development programs, and
17 other related matters, in coordination with the Vice President for
18 Administration.

19 SEC. 13. *Vacancy in the Office of the President.* – In case the President
20 of the College System is unable to perform or discharge his/her duties and
21 responsibilities due to death, compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for
22 cause or incapacity, the Board shall designate the Vice President who shall
23 temporarily act as the President until the new President of the College System
24 shall have been appointed or the incapacity ceases. In case of official absence,
25 the President of the College System shall designate a Vice President who shall
26 serve as Officer-In-Charge until the return of the incumbent President:

1 *Provided*, That the incumbent Vice President shall continue to serve as such
2 for the remainder of the term as herein stated.

3 The salary of the President of the College System shall be in accordance
4 with the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System and shall
5 be comparable to that being received by the presidents of similar educational
6 institutions.

7 SEC. 14. *The Administrative Council.* – There shall be an
8 Administrative Council composed of the Vice President for Administration as
9 Chairperson, the Directors for Budget Management and Planning Service and
10 for constitutive units, deans and other officials of equal rank as members,
11 whose duty is to review and recommend to the President policies governing the
12 administration, management and development planning of the College System.

13 SEC. 15. *The Academic Council.* – There shall be an Academic Council
14 with the Vice President for Academic Affairs as Chairperson, the Directors for
15 *Curriculum and Standard Development Service* and for *Faculty Development*
16 *Service* and all members of the instructional staff with the rank not lower than
17 assistant professor as members.

18 The Academic Council shall have the power to review and recommend
19 the curricular offerings, fix the requirements for admission of students, as well
20 as for graduation and the conferment of degrees. It shall also promulgate rules
21 of discipline of the College System, subject to appropriate action of the
22 President.

23 SEC. 16. *Curricular Offerings.* – The College System shall offer a four
24 (4)-year Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Cadetship Degree Program, a
25 post-graduate program in Public Safety Administration, mandatory career
26 courses, other short-term courses in Public Safety and other related fields of
27 study.

1 SEC. 17. *Faculty.* – The teaching staff of each constituent unit in the
2 College System shall constitute its faculty and shall be headed by an academic
3 coordinator. All heads of constituent units shall be appointed by the Board,
4 upon nomination and recommendation of the College President.

5 Police courses shall be taught by instructors who are skilled officers of
6 the PNP with at least seven (7) years of work experience: *Provided,* That their
7 services as instructors of the College System shall be given equivalent credits
8 for promotion purposes.

9 SEC. 18. *Heads of Regional Training Schools or Centers.* – The
10 Regional Directors of RTSs shall head the campuses or branches of the
11 College System and they shall render full-time service.

12 SEC. 19. *Scholarship Program Admission.* – The College System shall
13 provide a scholarship program and other affirmative action programs to assist
14 poor but deserving students to qualify for admission to the College System.

15 No student shall be denied admission to the College System by reason
16 of sex, religion, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin.

17 SEC. 20. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy.* – The
18 College System shall enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy
19 pursuant to paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution of the
20 Republic of the Philippines.

21 SEC. 21. *Land Grants and Other Real Properties of the College*
22 *System.* – The State shall support the College System through general
23 appropriations and other financial benefits, and in kind, through land grants
24 and donations and use of other real properties. To carry out the intent of these
25 grants, income derived from the development of all land grants and real
26 properties shall be used to further the ends of the College System, as may be

1 decided by the Board: *Provided*, That such income shall not be used to
2 augment appropriations for personal services expenditures.

3 Such parcels of land ceded by law, decree or presidential issuance to the
4 College System, as well as all real property and facilities presently occupied by
5 the College System, are hereby declared reserved for the purposes intended.
6 The absolute ownership of the College System over these landholdings,
7 including those covered by original and transfer certificates of title in the name
8 of the College System and their future derivatives, are hereby confirmed.
9 Where the issuance of proper certificates of title is yet pending for these
10 landholdings, the appropriate government office shall expedite the issuance
11 thereof within six (6) months from the date of the effectivity of this Act:
12 *Provided*, That all registration requirements necessary for the issuance of the
13 said titles have been submitted and complied with.

14 The Board may plan, design, approve and/or cause the implementation
15 of land leases and prohibit the sale of any existing real property of the College
16 System: *Provided*, That such mechanisms and arrangements shall sustain and
17 protect the environment in accordance with law, and be exclusive of the
18 academic core zone of the campuses of the College System: *Provided, further*,
19 That such mechanisms and arrangements shall not conflict with the academic
20 mission of the College System.

21 The Board may allow the use of income coming from real properties of
22 the College System as security for transactions to generate additional revenue
23 when needed for educational purposes.

24 Any plan to generate revenue from other sources, land grants and other
25 real properties entrusted to the College System shall be consistent with the
26 academic mission and orientation of the College System: *Provided*, That such
27 programs, projects or mechanisms shall be approved by the Board, subject to a

1 transparent and democratic process of consultation with the constituents of the
2 College System: *Provided, further,* That funds generated from such programs,
3 projects or mechanisms shall not be meant to replace, in part or in whole, the
4 annual appropriations provided by the national government to the College
5 System.

6 SEC. 22. *Tax Exemptions.* – The College System shall be entitled to the
7 following tax and duty exemption privileges:

8 (a) All income received by the College System shall be exempt from
9 income tax, pursuant to Section 30(1) of the National Internal Revenue Code
10 (NIRC) of 1997, as amended;

11 (b) Equipment and supplies used directly and exclusively for
12 educational purposes by the College System shall be entitled to exemption
13 from value-added tax and customs duties on its importation;

14 (c) Gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds
15 shall be exempt from the donor's tax and the same shall be considered
16 allowable deductions from the gross income in the computation of the income
17 tax of the donor, in accordance with the provisions of the NIRC of 1997, as
18 amended;

19 (d) Importation of economic, technical and cultural books and/or
20 publications upon certification by the CHED that such imported books and/or
21 publications are for economic, technical, vocational, scientific, philosophical,
22 historical or cultural purposes shall be exempt from customs duties, in
23 accordance with the provisions of the Tariff and Customs Code of the
24 Philippines, as amended; and

25 (e) Academic awards and honoraria for professorial chairs shall be
26 exempt from income tax.

1 SEC. 23. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus/Equipment/Supplies*
2 *and Detail of Personnel.* – The heads of bureaus and offices of the national
3 government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the
4 President of the College System, such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may
5 be needed, and to detail employees for duty therein when, in the judgment of
6 the bureau or office, such apparatus, equipment, supplies or services of such
7 employees can be spared without serious detriment to public service.
8 Employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the
9 President of the College System and the time so employed shall be counted as
10 part of their regular service.

11 SEC. 24. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to initially
12 implement the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's
13 appropriation of the College System. Thereafter, such sums as may be
14 necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the College System
15 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

16 SEC. 25. *Reportorial Requirements and Auditing of Accounts.* – The
17 College System shall submit an annual report to Congress containing its
18 financial statements, including a statement of assets and liabilities, projected
19 income from tuition fees and other revenue sources, contracts and investments
20 entered into pursuant to Section 21 hereof and programs of expenditure. All
21 accounts and disbursements of the College System shall be audited by the
22 Commission on Audit.

23 SEC. 26. *Rules of Construction.* – No statutory or other issuance shall
24 diminish the powers, rights, privileges and benefits accorded to the College
25 System under this Act or enjoyed at present by the College System under other
26 issuances not otherwise modified or repealed under this Act, unless subsequent
27 legislation expressly provides for their repeal, amendment or modification. In

1 case of doubt in the interpretation of any of the provisions of this Charter shall
2 be resolved in favor of the academic freedom and fiscal autonomy of the
3 College System.

4 SEC. 27. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Board shall
5 formulate the guidelines and shall issue, within ninety (90) days after the
6 effectivity of this Act, the rules and regulations to fully implement the
7 provisions hereof.

8 SEC. 28. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision herein be
9 declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other
10 provisions of this Act.

11 SEC. 29. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive
12 orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
13 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

14 SEC. 30. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
15 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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