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### AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

*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 “Revised  
2 Mindanao State University System Charter”.
- 3           SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State shall promote, foster,  
4 nurture and protect the right of all citizens to quality education. Toward this  
5 end, the State shall continually strengthen and improve the Mindanao State  
6 University (MSU) as a system.
- 7           The MSU was established as a potent instrument to implement more  
8 effectively the policy of the government in the education and integration and  
9 development of the Filipino youth, including Muslims and other non-Muslim  
10 Indigenous Peoples (IPs), into the national body politic towards achieving  
11 peace, development and national unity.

1           In addition to its original mandate as a comprehensive university  
2 system, the MSU, hereinafter referred to as the University, is hereby  
3 designated as a national peace university.

4           As a national peace university, it shall be recognized as an institution of  
5 higher education for peace and development whose aims are to promote the  
6 principles of understanding, mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, democracy  
7 and justice, and to stimulate cooperation among the people in keeping with the  
8 noble aspirations, as embodied in the Charter of the United Nations.

9           As such, the University shall initiate, maintain and promote programs  
10 and policies on peace education, conflict resolution, multiculturalism,  
11 pluralism, and diversity.

12           SEC. 3. *Objectives of the University.* – As a national peace university,  
13 a public and secular comprehensive university system, and a community of  
14 scholars dedicated to the search for truth, knowledge and peace, the University  
15 shall perform its unique and distinctive leadership in higher education and  
16 national education development and shall continue affirmative actions for the  
17 benefit of IPs through the following strategic activities:

18           (a) Lead in setting standards and initiate innovations in teaching,  
19 research and extension, as well as in establishing and maintaining centers of  
20 excellence in peace studies, engineering, pure and applied sciences, social  
21 sciences and philosophy, arts and humanities, education, business, information  
22 and industrial technology, law, medical and allied sciences, and in other  
23 disciplines;

24           (b) Serve as a graduate university providing advanced studies and  
25 specialization for scholars, scientists, writers, artists and professionals,  
26 especially those who serve on the faculties of state and private colleges and  
27 universities;

1 (c) Serve as a research university in the various fields of its expertise  
2 and specialization by conducting basic and applied research and development,  
3 promoting research in the various colleges and universities;

4 (d) Serve as the leading educational institution in achieving peace in  
5 the country by being the center for resolution of domestic conflict and by  
6 initiating and implementing policies and programs that promote peace  
7 education and conflict resolution;

8 (e) Lead as a public service university by providing various forms of  
9 community, public and volunteer services, and scholarly and technical  
10 assistance to the government, the private sector and civil society while  
11 maintaining its standards of excellence;

12 (f) Provide opportunities for training and learning in progressive  
13 leadership, responsible citizenship, and the development of democratic values,  
14 institutions and practices;

15 (g) Serve as a regional and global university in cooperation with  
16 international and scientific unions, networks of universities and scholarly and  
17 professional associations in the Asia-Pacific region and around the world;

18 (h) Provide democratic governance in the University based  
19 on collegiality, representation, accountability, transparency, gender  
20 mainstreaming and active participation of its constituents, and promote the  
21 holding of fora for students, faculty, research, extension and professional staff  
22 and alumni to discuss nonacademic issues affecting the University; and

23 (i) Advance the professional and economic rights and welfare of its  
24 academic and nonacademic personnel.

25 SEC. 4. *The Mindanao State University System.* – As a system, the  
26 University shall be composed of the following constituent campuses:

27 (a) MSU-Marawi; (b) MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology in Iligan City;  
28 (c) MSU-General Santos City; (d) MSU-Tawi-Tawi; (e) MSU-Sulu;  
29 (f) MSU-Maguindanao; (g) MSU-Misamis Oriental; (h) MSU-Zamboanga

1 Sibugay; (i) MSU-Lanao National College of Arts and Trades (MSU-LNCAT)  
2 in Marawi City; (j) MSU-Sultan Naga Dimaporo; and (k) MSU-Maigo School  
3 of Arts and Trades (MSU-MSAT) and those that may be recognized and  
4 established by the Board of Regents upon the recommendation of the  
5 University President.

6 The constituent campuses shall have substantial autonomy in the  
7 management of their affairs as may be determined by the Board of Regents.  
8 However, constituent campuses, having their own Charters and consequently  
9 enjoying fiscal autonomy, shall retain their rights and privileges as provided  
10 therein.

11 SEC. 5. *Seat of Administration and Seal of the University.* – The seat  
12 of administration of the University shall be in Marawi City. There shall be  
13 one (1) common seal of the University, which shall be the figure of a Meranao  
14 *awang* (boat) in full sail as the head of the seal, and a Maguindanao lamp with  
15 three (3) rays emanating from its flame resting atop the Meranao *awang* (boat)  
16 with the number “1961” written on it. The University colors shall be “sotra”  
17 or magenta and gold. In addition, all existing logos and seals of the different  
18 campuses and colleges shall be retained and placed side by side with the  
19 common seal of the University: *Provided*, That the Board of Regents may, in  
20 the future, revise and adopt a new common seal after consulting all campuses.

21 SEC. 6. *Academic Freedom.* – The University has the right and  
22 responsibility to exercise academic freedom.

23 SEC. 7. *Academic Excellence.* – The University shall maintain and  
24 enhance its high academic standards in the performance of its functions of  
25 instruction, research and extension service.

26 SEC. 8. *Social Responsibility.* – The University is committed to serve  
27 the Filipino nation and humanity. While it fulfills its obligation to pursue  
28 universal principles and to serve as a leading institution in achieving peace in  
29 the country, it shall relate its activities to the needs of the Filipino people in

1 general, the IPs and the disadvantaged and marginalized people in particular,  
2 and their aspirations for social progress and transformation, peace and national  
3 unity.

4 SEC. 9. *Democratic Access.* – No student shall be denied admission  
5 to the University by reason of age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, religious  
6 belief, political opinion or physical disability. The University shall take  
7 affirmative steps to enhance the access of disadvantaged students to its  
8 programs and services.

9 The University recognizes the separation of Church and State. It shall  
10 guarantee religious freedom and shall not discriminate on the basis of religion.

11 SEC. 10. *Institutional Autonomy.* – To provide greater flexibility, the  
12 University shall be treated in the manner consistent with its institutional  
13 requirements as the national peace university by service-wide agencies in the  
14 exercise of their respective jurisdictions. Taking into account national goals  
15 and priorities, the University shall exclusively determine its teaching, research  
16 and extension thrusts, plans, policies, programs and standards and, on the basis  
17 of such determination, the University shall recommend its annual budget to the  
18 President of the Republic of the Philippines and Congress.

19 SEC. 11. *The Board of Regents.* – The University shall have the  
20 general powers of a corporation set forth in Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as  
21 amended, otherwise known as “The Corporation Code of the Philippines”. The  
22 administration of the University and the exercise of its corporate powers shall  
23 be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the  
24 Board, which shall be composed of the following:

25 (a) The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),  
26 as Chairperson;

27 (b) The President of the Mindanao State University, as Vice  
28 Chairperson;

1 (c) The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Education, Arts and  
2 Culture, as member;

3 (d) The Chairperson of the House Committee on Higher and Technical  
4 Education, as member;

5 (e) The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management  
6 (DBM), as member;

7 (f) The Director-General of the National Economic and Development  
8 Authority, as member;

9 (g) The Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, as  
10 member;

11 (h) The Chairperson of the Education, Culture and Sports Committee  
12 of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) Legislative  
13 Assembly or the legislative body that shall replace the ARMM, as member;

14 (i) The National President of the University Alumni Association, as  
15 member;

16 (j) The President of the University Faculty Federation, as member;

17 (k) The President of the Federation of Supreme Student Councils of  
18 the University, as member;

19 (l) one (1) Regent from the rank and file represented by the duly  
20 elected president of system-wide nonacademic personnel federation duly  
21 accredited by the Civil Service Commission (CSC), as member;

22 (m) one (1) Regent representing the IPs of Mindanao, as member;

23 (n) one (1) Chancellor Regent representing all chancellors of the  
24 University, as member; and

25 (o) one (1) Regent who is a prominent national educator and who is not  
26 presently employed in any of the University's campuses, as member.

27 The Regent representing the IPs shall be chosen from a list of at least  
28 three (3) nominees by a Board-designated search committee and elected by the  
29 Board for a term of two (2) years: *Provided*, That the Regents holding

1 office as members of the Board at the time of the effectivity of this Act shall  
2 continue to serve until the expiration of their appointment.

3 The Regent representing the chancellors shall be elected by all  
4 chancellors among themselves and shall have a term of two (2) years.

5 In case of vacancy among appointive positions in the Board, the  
6 vacancy shall be filled by the Board following guidelines set by it and the  
7 appointee shall hold office only for the unexpired portion of the term.

8 The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and the members of the Board shall  
9 not receive any regular compensation as such but they shall be entitled to  
10 actual allowances allowed by law, and reimbursement of necessary expenses  
11 incurred during or in conjunction with their attendance in the regular meetings  
12 or special sessions of the Board or in connection with their performance of  
13 official business duly authorized by the Board through a resolution.

14 SEC. 12. *Powers of the Board.* – The administration of the University  
15 and the exercise of its corporate powers are vested upon the Board, which shall  
16 exercise the following specific powers and duties:

17 (a) Exercise the general powers set out in the Corporation Code;

18 (b) Define the thrusts of the University and adopt broad policy  
19 guidelines to ensure their implementation;

20 (c) Preserve the integrity of the University;

21 (d) Approve the creation, merger or abolition of academic programs  
22 upon the recommendation of the University Council, through the President of  
23 the University;

24 (e) Approve the graduation of students and grant of honors, as  
25 recommended by the respective Constituent Campus Councils to the  
26 University Council of the system, through the President of the University;

27 (f) Confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning,  
28 statesmanship or eminence in literature, science, or art upon the  
recommendation of a committee created by the President of the University;

1 (g) Approve rules on student discipline upon the recommendation of  
2 the University Council, through the President of the University;

3 (h) Create, organize, reorganize, merge or abolish constituent  
4 campuses, colleges, institutes and other academic and administrative units of  
5 the University upon the recommendation of the President of the University;

6 (i) Establish professorial chairs and award the same to appropriate  
7 recipients upon the recommendation of the President of the University;

8 (j) Provide fellowships, scholarships and grants and award the same to  
9 faculty, staff and students giving evidence of merit;

10 (k) Elect the University President for a term of four (4) years, without  
11 prejudice to reappointment for one (1) final term, from a list of at least three  
12 (3) nominees by a search committee appointed by the Board. In the event of a  
13 vacancy, the Board shall, within six (6) months, elect a president;

14 (l) Appoint faculty members, officials and employees, fix and adjust  
15 salaries and benefits of all employees subject to the provisions of the Revised  
16 Compensation and Position Classification System and other pertinent budget  
17 and compensation laws; determine their hours of service and minimum  
18 academic load, and such other terms and conditions as it may deem proper;  
19 grant leaves of absence, at its discretion, under such regulations as it may  
20 promulgate; and remove any faculty member, official or employee for cause,  
21 as provided by law after due investigation and proper hearing;

22 (m) Extend the term of the President of the University beyond the age  
23 of retirement, but not beyond the age of seventy (70), whose performance has  
24 been unanimously rated by the Board as "Outstanding" based on its guidelines,  
25 qualifications and standards, after unanimous recommendation by a search  
26 committee;

27 (n) Extend, with their consent, the tenure of faculty members beyond  
28 the compulsory retirement age, on recommendation of the concerned units and  
29 the endorsement of the President of the University, whenever their services are



1 needed: *Provided, however,* That no extension of tenure shall be made for a  
2 faculty member beyond the age of seventy (70);

3 (o) Fix tuition and other school fees and charges which, along with  
4 government subsidies and other incomes generated by the University, shall  
5 constitute special trust funds and shall be deposited in an authorized  
6 government depository bank. These funds and all interests accruing therefrom  
7 shall be retained for the use of the University.

8 (p) Receive and appropriate all sums as may be provided by law to  
9 support the University in its objectives, as specified by law, and all other sums  
10 in the manner it may determine, at its discretion, to carry out the purposes and  
11 functions of the University;

12 (q) Authorize the construction or repair of the University's buildings,  
13 machinery, equipment and other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of  
14 real and personal properties, including necessary supplies, materials and  
15 equipment for the University;

16 (r) If the University, for reasons beyond its control, is not able to  
17 pursue any project or program for which funds have been appropriated or  
18 allocated, the same funds may be used by the University, subject to the  
19 approval of the Board, for any reasonable purpose for which it deems  
20 necessary and urgent for the attainment of the objectives of the University:  
21 *Provided,* That funds collected from students for a specific purpose shall not  
22 be used for other expenditures;

23 (s) Receive in trust, legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal  
24 properties of all kinds and to administer and dispose of the same for the benefit  
25 of the University, subject to the instructions, if any, of the donors;

26 (t) Enter into transactions for the profitable development and  
27 management of the economic assets of the University, the proceeds from  
28 which shall be used to develop and strengthen the University;

1 (u) Authorize its faculty and staff, through the chancellors, to travel  
2 abroad in order to study, read papers, attend conferences and disseminate  
3 research, all provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding;

4 (v) Delegate any of its powers to the President of the University or any  
5 other official, as it may deem necessary;

6 (w) Prescribe rules and regulations for the governance of the  
7 University;

8 (x) Recommend the creation of additional plantilla items to the DBM  
9 in line with the functions of the University and in consultation with the CSC,  
10 and consistent with the scientific career system; and

11 (y) Exercise such other powers, not contrary to law, as may be proper  
12 and necessary to carry out the objectives of this Act.

13 SEC. 13. *Meetings and Quorum.* – The Board shall meet regularly  
14 once every quarter. The University President, as Vice Chairperson, in  
15 consultation with the Chairperson, shall schedule meetings of the Board. The  
16 Chairperson may call a special meeting whenever necessary: *Provided,* That  
17 members are notified in writing at least ten (10) working days prior to the  
18 meeting: *Provided, further,* That the notice shall contain a brief description of  
19 the agenda items to be discussed. A simple majority of all members of the  
20 Board holding office at the time the meeting is called shall constitute a  
21 quorum. In accordance with existing laws and jurisprudence, no designated  
22 proxy by a Board member may be allowed to participate or cast a vote in the  
23 deliberations of the Board.

24 SEC. 14. *The University President.* – The University President shall be  
25 elected by the Board from a list of at least three (3) nominees by a  
26 Board-constituted search committee and shall serve for a term of four (4)  
27 years, without prejudice to one (1) reappointment for one (1) final term. The  
28 University President shall be the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Academic  
29 Officer, and the head of the University Faculty. The University President shall

1 exercise the powers specifically provided for in this Act, those determined by  
2 the Board, those which usually pertain to the office of the president of a  
3 university, and those which are related to its functions.

4 SEC. 15. *Powers and Duties of the President.* – The administration of  
5 the University shall be vested in the President of the University, who shall  
6 exercise the following powers and functions:

7 (a) Carry out the general policies laid down by the Board, and shall  
8 have the power to act within the lines of general policies;

9 (b) Exercise general supervision over the University, including  
10 businesses and financial operations, all officers, members of the teaching staff,  
11 and employees of the University System;

12 (c) Exercise general supervision over extracurricular activities of  
13 students and authority to issue adequate rules for the organization and  
14 operation of student organizations;

15 (d) Authorize the transfer of faculty and employees from one  
16 department or unit of the University to another with the written consent of the  
17 faculty member or employee concerned: *Provided*, That: (1) there is no  
18 demotion in rank and salary; (2) it is with the consent of the head of the unit;  
19 and (3) it is in the interest of the service;

20 (e) Serve as the official center of communication among the faculty,  
21 employees and students of the University, on the one hand, and the Board, on  
22 the other hand;

23 (f) Prepare an annual report to the Board on the work and  
24 accomplishments of the previous year and the needs for the current year;

25 (g) Present to the Board the annual budget of the University, with the  
26 estimates of income and expenditures;

27 (h) Execute and sign, on behalf of the University, all contracts, deeds  
28 and other instruments necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the  
29 University, unless otherwise provided therein;

1 (i) Have general responsibility over the enforcement of discipline and  
2 for the maintenance of satisfactory academic standards in all its units;

3 (j) Modify or disapprove any action or resolution of any college,  
4 faculty or administrative body if, in his judgment, the larger interest of the  
5 University so requires. Should the President exercise such power, the decision  
6 shall be communicated in writing to the body immediately affected, stating the  
7 reasons for the action, and thereafter shall accordingly inform the Board,  
8 which may take any action it may deem appropriate in connection therewith;  
9 and

10 (k) Exercise such other powers as elsewhere provided in this Act, or as  
11 authorized by the Board: *Provided*, That the President may delegate in writing  
12 any of the abovestated functions to the chancellors, campus directors or to any  
13 officer in the University.

14 SEC. 16. *The Secretary of the University and of the Board.* – There  
15 shall be a Secretary of the University, who shall also serve as the Secretary of  
16 the Board, to be appointed by the Board upon the recommendation of the  
17 University President. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all official  
18 records of the University.

19 SEC. 17. *The University Council and Constituent Campus Councils.* –  
20 There shall be a University Council of the University consisting of the  
21 University President as its Chairperson, the chancellors, and representatives of  
22 the various Constituent Campus Councils.

23 The Constituent Campus Council, composed of the chancellor as  
24 Chairperson, the Vice Chancellors, deans, and all faculty members with the  
25 academic rank of assistant professor or higher, shall meet, evaluate and  
26 recommend the campus agenda to the University Council.

27 SEC. 18. *The University Council.* – The University Council shall be  
28 the highest academic body of the University and shall exercise the following  
29 powers:

1 (a) Prescribe the academic programs, including their institution,  
2 revision, abolition or merger, subject to the approval of the Board upon the  
3 recommendation of the University President;

4 (b) Recommend to the Board, through the University President, the  
5 graduation of students and grant of honors;

6 (c) Determine the requirements for admission to any college or unit,  
7 graduation, and the grant of honors, subject to the minimum system-wide  
8 requirements;

9 (d) Undertake a periodic review of academic courses, programs,  
10 standards, thrusts and policies; and

11 (e) Adopt internal rules of procedure consistent with the provisions of  
12 this Act.

13 SEC. 19. *The Chancellor of a Constituent Campus.* – The  
14 administration of each constituent campus is vested in the chancellor insofar as  
15 authorized by the Board and the University President. The chancellor shall be  
16 elected by the Board, upon nomination of the University President, from a list  
17 of at least three (3) nominees by a search committee appointed by the  
18 University President in accordance with guidelines as may be determined by  
19 the Board. The chancellor shall perform duties and functions mandated by this  
20 Act, under the supervision of the University President. The chancellor shall  
21 serve for a term of four (4) years and may be reappointed to one (1) final term.

22 SEC. 20. *The Faculty.* – The teaching staff of each college shall  
23 constitute its faculty who shall be appointed by the University President, on  
24 nomination by the chancellor, and subject to the confirmation of the Board.

25 If a dean fails to complete the term, the chancellor shall appoint an  
26 acting dean while a search process is in progress. In no case shall the search  
27 and election of the next dean be longer than ninety (90) calendar days from the  
28 date when the vacancy occurs.

1           SEC. 21. *Requisites of Appointment of Faculty and Staff.* – No  
2 religious or political opinion and affiliation shall be made a matter of inquiry  
3 in the appointment of faculty and staff.

4           SEC. 22. *Student Councils.* – There shall be established a College  
5 Student Council in every college or degree-granting unit, a University Student  
6 Council for every constituent campus, and a Federation of Supreme Student  
7 *Councils of the University.*

8           The student councils shall serve as the primary student bodies that shall  
9 advance the interests, welfare, and aspirations of the students. It shall have the  
10 power to adopt *internal* rules of procedure consistent with the provisions of  
11 this Act.

12           Student publications are encouraged in every college, unit, or  
13 constituent campus to be funded from student fees, subject to supervision by  
14 designated faculty advisers. Freedom of expression and autonomy in all  
15 matters of editorial and fiscal policy shall be guaranteed, especially in the  
16 selection of editors and staff: *Provided*, That there shall be strict adherence to  
17 the canons of responsible journalism.

18           SEC. 23. *Tax Exemptions.* – (a) All grants, bequests, endowments,  
19 donations and contributions made to the University to be used actually,  
20 directly and exclusively by the University shall be exempt from donor's tax  
21 and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from the gross  
22 income of the donor for purposes of computing the taxable income of the  
23 donor in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue  
24 Code of 1997, as amended.

25           (b) The importation of economic, technical, vocational, scientific,  
26 philosophical, historical and cultural books and/or publications shall be  
27 exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of the Tariff  
28 and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended.

1           SEC. 24. *Land Grants and Other Real Properties of the University.* –  
2     The State shall provide subsidy for the University in the form of a lump sum  
3     amount, through general appropriations and other financial benefits, and in  
4     kind, through land grants, donations and use of other real properties. All  
5     incomes derived from the land grants and other real properties shall be used by  
6     the University, as may be decided by the Board.

7           Such parcels of land ceded by law, decrees or presidential issuances to  
8     the University are hereby declared reserved for the purposes intended. The  
9     absolute ownership of the University System over these landholdings,  
10    including those covered by original and transfer certificates of title in the name  
11    of the University, is hereby confirmed.

12          The Board may confirm contracts, mechanisms, and financial  
13    instruments, such as joint ventures, long-term leases, securitization and the  
14    like, entered into by the University President: *Provided*, That such  
15    mechanisms and arrangements shall sustain and protect the environment in  
16    accordance with law, and be exclusive of the academic core zone of the  
17    campuses of the University.

18          The Board may allow the use of the income derived from real properties  
19    of the University as security for financial transactions to generate additional  
20    revenues when needed for education purposes.

21          The Board may approve the implementation of joint venture  
22    agreements: *Provided*, That, in the event that real properties of the University  
23    are involved, only incomes from the use of the real properties shall be pledged  
24    in the joint ventures: *Provided, further*, That no joint venture shall result in the  
25    alienation of the real properties of the University.

26          Any plan to generate revenues and other sources from land grants and  
27    other real properties entrusted to the University shall be consistent with the  
28    academic mission and orientation of the University: *Provided*, That such  
29    programs, projects or mechanisms shall be approved by the Board: *Provided*,

1 *further*, That funds generated from such programs, projects or mechanisms  
2 shall not be construed to replace, in part or in whole, the annual government  
3 appropriations to the University.

4 SEC. 25. *Auditing of Accounts.* – The Commission on Audit shall audit  
5 all accounts and disbursements of the University.

6 SEC. 26. *Fiscal Autonomy of the Constituent Campuses.* – No portion  
7 of the funds appropriated or allocated for a constituent campus shall be  
8 disbursed by the administration of the University System, and all other  
9 incomes and earnings of the constituent campuses shall remain with the  
10 concerned constituent campuses.

11 SEC. 27. *Rules of Construction.* – No statutory or other issuances  
12 shall diminish the powers, rights, privileges, and benefits accorded to the  
13 University under this Act or enjoyed at present by the University under other  
14 issuances not otherwise modified or repealed by this Act, unless subsequent  
15 legislation expressly provides for their repeal, amendment or modification. In  
16 case of doubt in the interpretation of any of the provisions of this Charter, the  
17 same shall be resolved in favor of the academic freedom and fiscal autonomy  
18 of the University.

19 SEC. 28. *Appropriations.* – The amount needed to carry out the  
20 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current fiscal year's  
21 lump sum appropriations and other internal funds of the University.  
22 Thereafter, such lump sum representing the national government's assistance  
23 for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual  
24 General Appropriations Act.

25 The University may use the unexpended balances in any appropriation  
26 for purposes that the Board shall determine.

27 SEC. 29. *Transitory Provision.* – The University shall, in addition to  
28 its laboratory high schools, continue to operate its feeder community high  
29 schools located in conflict-affected areas pursuant to its original mandate.



1           SEC. 30. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60)  
2 days after the effectivity of this Act, the Board, in consultation with the  
3 CHED, shall formulate the rules and regulations to fully implement the  
4 provisions of this Act.

5           SEC. 31. *Repealing Clause.* – Republic Act No. 1387 (MSU Charter),  
6 as amended by Republic Act No. 1893 and Republic Act No. 3868; Republic  
7 Act No. 1567 (Lanao National College of Arts and Trades); Republic Act  
8 No. 4279 (Maigo School of Arts and Trades); Republic Act No. 5507 (Lanao  
9 Norte Agricultural College); Republic Act No. 6060 (An Act to Establish the  
10 Sulu College of Technology and Oceanography as Unit of the MSU); and all  
11 laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof  
12 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
13 accordingly.

14           SEC. 32. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision herein be  
15 declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other  
16 provisions of this Act.

17           SEC. 33. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
18 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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