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BY REPRESENTATIVES GO (M.), ROMULO, CO (E.), DE VENECIA, YAP (C.) AND ROBES, PER COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 344

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING THE BAGUIO CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the declared policy of the State to foster the  
2 preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of Filipino national culture based on the  
3 principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression.  
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5           To this end, the State shall promote the sustained development of young Filipinos whose  
6 aptitude and skill in culture and the arts shall be properly encouraged and honed through education  
7 and specialized training programs. The State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete,  
8 adequate, and integrated system of education and training to encourage the artistic talent and  
9 cultural aptitude of the Filipino youth as well as support and promote the development of young  
10 artists nationwide.  
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12           **SEC. 2. Establishment of the Baguio City High School for the Arts.** – There is hereby  
13 established in the City of Baguio a specialized public high school that shall offer arts-focused  
14 education, to be known as the Baguio City High School for the Arts, herein referred to as the  
15 School.  
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17           The School shall be administered and supervised by the Department of Education (DepEd),  
18 in close coordination with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the  
19 Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP). The NCCA and CCP shall provide policy direction and  
20 technical assistance to the School through the DepEd Cordillera Administrative Region Regional  
21 Office and Schools Division Office of Baguio City.  
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23           **SEC. 3. Mandate.** – The School shall implement a general secondary education, as  
24 prescribed by Republic Act No. 10533, or the “Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013”, to  
25 students with considerable potential in the arts. The school curriculum shall have significant  
26 emphasis on developing the talent, skill, and exceptional giftedness of students, thereby nurturing  
27 potential artists while preserving and promoting Filipino heritage.  
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29           **SEC. 4. Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern.** – The organizational structure and  
30 staffing pattern of the School shall be prescribed by the DepEd, subject to the approval of the  
31 Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

1           **SEC. 5. *Authority to Receive Donations and Grants.*** – The School’s Principal may receive  
2 grants, bequest, endowments, donations and contributions made to the School, to be used actually,  
3 directly and exclusively by the School, subject to compliance with existing laws, rules and  
4 regulations.  
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6           **SEC. 6. *Development Plan and Organizational Structure.*** – Within one hundred twenty  
7 (120) days after the approval of this Act, the School shall accomplish the following:  
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- 9           (a) Submit a five-year development plan, including its corresponding budgetary program  
10           to the DepEd for endorsement to the DBM; and  
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12           (b) Set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure, subject to the  
13           qualification standards set by the DepEd.  
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15           **SEC. 7. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this  
16 Act shall be included in the budget of the DepEd in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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18           **SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days after the approval  
19 of this Act, the DepEd shall, in coordination with the NCCA, CCP, and the local government of  
20 the City of Baguio, promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.  
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22           **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
23 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,