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Introduced by Honorable Imelda Quibranza-Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, Article XIV (Education) of the 1987 Constitution provides that *"The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."*

Consistent with this constitutional mandate, this bill seeks to establish a state college in the Municipality of Tubod, Lanao del Norte to be known as Lanao del Norte State College.

The envisioned state college shall provide the youth of Lanao del Norte access to higher education and develop their talents and skills in the arts and sciences, teacher education, agriculture, engineering and technology as well as in vocational and other technical courses.

For Filipino parents, education is a very important legacy that they can give their children. But for many residents of Lanao del Norte, this legacy remains a distant possibility due to the lack of institutions of higher learning in the province, more so state colleges and universities where the tuition and other fees are affordable. Therefore, establishing a state college in Lanao del Norte will be a dream come true for many parents as it will give their children greater access to affordable but quality tertiary education.

Ultimately, the envisioned state college will improve the quality of Lanao del Norte's manpower pool, enhance its economic development and in the end improve the quality of life of its people

In view of the foregoing, the prompt approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Imelda Quibranza-Dimaporo".

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD,
LANAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS LANA DEL NORTE STATE
COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. **Lanao del Norte State College.** – There is hereby established in the Municipality of Tubod, Lanao del Norte, a state college to be known as the Lanao del Norte State College, hereinafter referred to as the State College. The State College shall primarily provide technical and professional training in the sciences, arts, teacher education, agriculture, engineering and technology as well as short-term vocational courses. It shall likewise promote research, advanced studies and academic leadership in the stated areas of specialization.

The State College shall have the general powers set forth in Section 36 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 68, otherwise known as the Corporation Code of the Philippines, as amended, which corporate powers shall be exercised exclusively by a board of trustees.

SEC. 2. **Board of Trustees.** – The governing body of the State College shall be vested in a Board of Trustees which shall be composed of ten (10) members consisting of:

- a) Secretary of Education, as *ex officio* chairman;
- b) President of the State College as vice-chairman;
- c) Chairman or a member of the Senate Committee on Education, Arts and Culture;
- d) Chairman or a member of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education in the House of Representatives;
- e) President of the alumni association;
- f) President of the faculty association;
- g) Chairman of the supreme student council;
- h) President of the employees association; and
- i) Two (2) prominent local residents, as members.

The two local provincial residents shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the President of the State College from at least three (3) nominees who have distinguished themselves in their respective professions or chosen field of specialization. Of the first two (2) appointed prominent citizens from the local community, the Board of Trustees shall designate one to serve for three (3) years and the other for six (6) years.

The members of the Board of Trustees shall be citizens and residents of the Philippines. Except for the President of the State College, the president of the faculty association and the president of the employees association, no person in the employ of the State College or of other educational institutions in any capacity whatsoever shall be eligible for membership in the Board of Trustees.

The members shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in their attendance in meetings of the Board of Trustees or in connection with their official duties.

The Board of Trustees shall hold its regular meeting every two (2) months and may hold as many special meetings as may be necessary. One-half of the members holding office at the time a meeting is called shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of the chairman, the President of the State College shall act as presiding officer during the board meetings.

SEC. 3. Powers of the Board of Trustees. – The Board of Trustees shall exercise the following powers:

- a) Receive and appropriate, to the ends specified by law, such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the State College;
- b) Provide for the establishment of an Institute of General Education Studies, a School of Agriculture and Aquatic Sciences, a School of Forestry and Environmental Science, a School of Engineering and Technology, a School of Education, a School of Business, a School of Veterinary Medicine, an Indigenous Arts and Crafts Institute, and other schools and departments as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary;
- c) Confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation from the State College;
- d) Authorize the President of the State College to award certificates for completion of non-degree programs;
- e) Prescribe for the governance of the State College such rules and regulations not contrary to law as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the State College;

f) Receive in trust legacies, gifts, donations for real and personal property of all kinds, and administer the same for the benefit of the State College or of a school, institute or department thereof, or for aid to any student or students in accordance with directions and instructions of the donor or, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine;

g) Appoint the president, vice-presidents, deans, directors, the secretary of the State College, the registrar, the heads of the departments, professors, instructors, lecturers and other officials and employees of the State College, fix their annual compensation subject to pertinent compensation laws, prescribe their hours of service, duties and other conditions as it may deem proper; grant them, in its discretion, leave of absence in accordance with rules that it may promulgate and, remove them for cause after proper notice and hearing pursuant to civil service laws governing disciplinary action;

h) Approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn up by the Academic Council as hereinafter provided;

i) Fix tuition fees and other necessary school charges such as, but not limited to, matriculation fees, graduation fees, and laboratory fees, as the Board of Trustees may deem proper to impose. Such fees and charges, including government subsidies and other income generated by the State College, shall constitute special trust funds and shall be deposited in any authorized bank, and any and all interest that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of the State College. Any provision of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding, incomes generated by the State College may, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, be disbursed for the professional growth and development, health, welfare and other similar benefits of the faculty members and personnel; for the acquisition, construction, maintenance and repair of urgently needed instructional and auxiliary facilities, equipment, building and other infrastructures; and for expenses necessary for the attainment of its purposes under this Act.

j) Provide fellowships for qualified faculty members and scholarships, grants-in-aid and part-time job opportunities to deserving students, especially the underprivileged;

k) Establish chairs in the schools mentioned in paragraph (b) of this Section and to sustain their endowment, as well as to provide for other faculty awards as the programs of action may make necessary; and

l) Establish branches or extensions within the Province of Lanao del Norte where there are no existing educational institutions offering similar programs or courses.

SEC. 4. **President.** – The administration of the State College shall be vested in the President. He shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees for

a term of six (6) years. The President of the State College may be reappointed after his term shall have expired.

The salary of the President shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees, subject to pertinent compensation laws.

The powers and duties of the President, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of a state college or university. In case of permanent vacancy in the Office of the President by reason of death, resignation, removal for cause or incapacity to perform the functions and duties of the office, the vice-president for academic affairs shall act as President of the State College until a new president shall have been appointed and qualified.

The President of the State College shall be assisted by two (2) vice-presidents; one vice-president for academic affairs and one vice-president for planning and finance, who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the President of the State College.

SEC. 5. **Faculty; Appointment of Deans.** – The body of professors and instructors of each school shall constitute its faculty and as head of each faculty, there shall be a dean to be appointed by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the President of the State College.

In the appointment of professors or instructors, no religious opinion or affiliation shall be made a matter of inquiry or examination. No faculty member or employee in the State College shall inculcate sectarian tenets or attempt, either directly or indirectly, under penalty of dismissal by the Board of Trustees, to influence students and employees for or against any particular church or religious sect.

SEC. 6. **Secretary of the State College.** – There shall be a Secretary of the State College to be appointed by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the President of the State College. The Secretary shall also serve as the secretary of the Board of Trustees. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the records of the State College and the Board, and shall be compensated according to pertinent compensation laws.

SEC. 7. **Academic Council.** – There shall be an Academic Council consisting of the President of the State College and all the members of the faculty holding the rank of professor, associate professor, and assistant professor. The Academic Council alone shall have the power to prescribe the curriculum and rules of discipline, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. It shall also fix the requirements for admission as well as graduation. The Academic Council has the authority to recommend the conferment of titles to deserving individuals. Through the President of the State College or its duly authorized committee, the Academic Council shall have disciplinary power over the students of the State College within the

limits prescribed by the rules of discipline approved by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 8. **Admission.** – No student shall be denied admission in the State College by reason of sex, ethnic consideration, religious belief or political affiliation.

SEC. 9. **Campus Site.** – The State College shall have an area of not less than fifty hectares (50 has.) for its exclusive use as campus site for its academic and instructional programs, research and development activities and experimental and laboratory facilities.

The Board of Trustees shall forthwith recommend a suitable site in Tubod, Lanao del Norte for this purpose. The Office of the President of the Philippines shall effect the immediate acquisition of the area by way of proclamation or by instituting expropriation proceedings, if necessary.

SEC. 10. **Development Plan.** – The Board of Trustees, within six (6) months following its creation, shall complete a seven-year development plan for the State College which shall serve as the basis for its policy decisions.

SEC. 11. **Appropriations.** – The amount of Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00) shall be initially appropriated from the appropriations of the Commission on Higher Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law.

SEC. 12. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,