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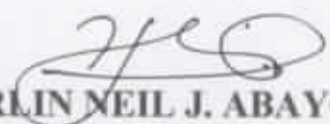
EXPLANATORY NOTE

A resolute effort is imperative to hasten the recovery of Marawi City and its residents from the armed conflict resulting from the invasion of the city by terrorist and separatist forces.

Normalization of life in Marawi City will be enhanced by the quick resumption of classes, particularly in the largest school in the city, the Marawi City National High School.

Marawi City NHS must be secured as a center of peace and learning for the benefit of residents, particularly the youth, of Marawi City and its surrounding municipalities.

The appropriation of P200 million will be sufficient to enable the Marawi City NHS to perform its crucial role as an integral part of the Marawi City and of Muslim Mindanao.


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AN ACT
TO REBUILD AND MODERNIZE
THE MARAWI CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
TO HASTEN THE RECOVERY OF MARAWI CITY
FROM ARMED CONFLICT AND ESTABLISH IT
AS A CENTER OF PEACE AND LEARNING IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*Marawi City National High School Rebuilding and Modernization Act of 2017*".

Section 2. *Appropriations.* The amount of Two Hundred Million Pesos (P200,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the relocation, rebuilding, modernization, and maintenance of the Marawi City National High School, hereinafter to be referred to as the "School". The appropriation shall be for various purposes, including but not limited to:

- 1) Purchase of land to which the school shall be relocated;
- 2) Acquisition of right of way and construction of the access roads to and from the school;
- 3) Design, site development and construction of school buildings: (a) that have high resistance to earthquake, floods, and other natural calamities; (b) that can accommodate enrollment of at least four thousand (4,000) students and faculty complement of five hundred (500) public school teachers; (c) with offices and function rooms and facilities for the parents-teachers-

community association, official student publications, official school publications, supreme student government, school athletes, and school clinic with patients' beds, dental equipment, and medicines;

- 4) Provision of security installations, equipment, measures, personnel, and training against robbery, theft, terrorism, and other security threats;
- 5) Construction of a separate multi-purpose area within the school campus that can serve as, among others, an evacuation site and multi-sports activity venue;
- 6) Provision and installation of high-bandwidth internet for the use of students, faculty, school administration and non-teaching personnel, a local area network and virtual private network (VPN), campus radio broadcast facilities, a campus-wide public address system, and a conference room/audio-visual function room;
- 7) Construction of an Alternative Learning System (ALS) and Technical Training Center that can accommodate at least five hundred (500) learners;
- 8) Installation, maintenance, and operation of power generation and electrical equipment and facilities, including solar energy and/wind energy for lights, potable water and sewerage facilities, communications and information technology equipment, and security equipment;
- 9) Installation of temporary learning facilities, using quick-construction prefabricated materials and container vans, for the conduct of classes and operations of various school offices while the rebuilding activities are ongoing; and
- 10) Provisions for and installation of other facilities and equipment deemed necessary by the Special Task Force for the operation and maintenance of the school.

Section 3. *Special Task Force.* A Special Task Force Marawi City National High School is hereby formed to implement this Act. The Task Force shall be composed of the heads or permanent representatives of the following:

Chairman: Department of Education;

Members:

National Youth Commission;

Technical Education and Skills Development Authority;

Department of Public Works and Highways;

Department of National Defense;

Department of Health;

Department of Information and Communications Technology;

Department of Budget and Management;

Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process;

Mayor of Marawi City;

President of the Supreme Student Government of Marawi City NHS; and
President of the Parents-Teachers-Community Association of Marawi City NHS.

Section 4. *Congressional Oversight.* A Joint Congressional Oversight Committee is hereby formed to oversee, monitor, and ensure faithful implementation of this Act. The committee shall have panels from the House of Representatives and the Senate with members representing the following committees:

1. Committee on Appropriations;
2. Committee on Basic Education;
3. Committee on Mindanao; and
4. Committee on the Peace Process

Section 5. *Separability.* - If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, executive orders, and administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 7. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the online version of the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or with established internet website presence.

Approved.