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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill encourages the cooperation and participation of academic institutions and local government units (LGUs) in promoting the nutritional well-being of the people and developing an effective research-action network program to improve the health and productivity of the rural poor.

To this end, among other salient provisions, this measure establishes the Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI), a nutrition-in-development action research program of state universities and colleges to support the health and nutrition program of the national government and local government units (LGUs). It is a comprehensive model for building the capacity of LGUs to integrate nutrition concerns in countryside development programs to combat malnutrition, food and nutrition insecurity, social deprivation, and poverty alleviation.

Hence, this representation seeks the passage of this measure.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPROACH
FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT OF THE RURAL POOR AS A LINKAGE
PROGRAM FOR ALL STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND
COMMUNITY COLLEGES 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 “Barangay Integrated
2 Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) Act”.

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4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to recognize
5 nutrition as a basic human right that shall be promoted as a public good and a
6 public concern that can be satisfactory achieved through multi-sectoral support
7 and cooperation. To this end, the State shall vigorously work towards the
8 provision of the nutritional needs of the poor and vulnerable especially in the
9 rural areas, and give utmost support to programs and projects that are
10 responsive to the health needs of the Filipino people.

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12 **SEC. 3. *Objectives.*** – This Act shall have the following objectives:

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14 (a) To encourage the cooperation and participation of academic institutions
15 and local government units (LGUs) in promoting the nutritional well-being
16 of the people;
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(b) To develop among state universities and colleges (SUCs), and community colleges an effective research-action network program that will improve the nutrition and general well-being of the rural poor; and

(c) To improve the nutritional well-being of the poor in the rural areas in order to enhance their health and productivity.

SEC. 4. The Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement Program. – The Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) is established as a comprehensive nutrition-in-development action research program of the state universities and colleges (SUCs) and community colleges in support of the health and nutrition program of the national government and local government units (LGUs) whose target beneficiaries are the rural poor.

It is a comprehensive model for building the capacity of LGUs to integrate nutrition concerns in countryside development programs that supports the implementation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) to combat malnutrition, food and nutrition insecurity, social deprivation, and poverty alleviation.

SEC. 5. Program Goals. – The BIDANI Program shall promote nutrition-in-development through community and other stakeholders’ participation in an integrated management system facilitated by SUCs. The Program shall:

(a) Require all SUCs and community colleges to assist the government in achieving the nutrition targets of the PPAN;

(b) Engage the SUCs and community colleges in the conduct of training and capacity-building activities for all BIDANI stakeholders on the BIDANI strategies and innovative practices to ensure that in-planning nutrition shall be integrated in all areas of local governance;

(c) Promote the best nutrition-in-development practices of successful LGUs through the participation of local nutrition management teams; and

(d) Build partnerships among SUCs, community colleges, and other stakeholders to support the citizenry towards self-help and self-reliance; encourage citizen action through the involvement of various stakeholders; and coordinate with government organizations (GOs), non-government organizations (NGOs), private organizations (POs) and other private sector groups in linking the community with existing resources.

SEC. 6. BIDANI Structural/Organizational Linkages. – The BIDANI partners and stakeholders shall work at different levels, as follows:

(a) State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and Community Colleges’ Partnership with SUCs shall be formalized through an execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the University of the

Philippines-Los Baños (UPLB), the national coordinator of the BIDANI Program, represented by its Chancellor, and the President of the concerned SUCs or community colleges. Upon approval of the MOA, the BIDANI Program shall be operationalized under the Office of the Vice President for Research and Extension (OVPRE) of the partner SUC or community college. A BIDANI SUC or community college will then choose and coordinate with its partner LGU;

(b) City or Municipal Local Government Units - The implementation of the BIDANI as a development strategy shall commence upon the approval by the city or municipality of the nutrition plans formulated by the participating SUC or community college concerned through a city or municipality resolution. Each city or municipality shall then create a City or Municipal organization, such as a committee composed of heads and representatives of different city or municipal line agencies, that shall be responsible for the implementation, monitoring, evaluation and replication of the BIDANI strategy in the locality;

(c) Barangay Units – The realization of the BIDANI as a development strategy shall be accomplished at the barangay level. The membership of each Barangay Development Councils (BDC) shall be expanded and the BDC shall hereinafter be called the Program Planning and Implementing Committee. The Committee shall be composed of representatives from the Sangguniang Barangay, BDC, the various purok in the barangay and other community leaders who shall be trained on the BIDANI strategy to ensure that the processes for planning and management of development programs, projects and activities will be participative and responsive to the needs of the residents of the barangay; and

(d) Other Stakeholders – The participation and inputs of the NGOs, POs, other government agencies and offices, shall be sought in the formulation of plans by the members of the barangay.

SEC. 7. BIDANI Innovative Strategies. – To facilitate the local implementation of the BIDANI, the Program shall be implemented using the following innovative strategies:

(a) Formulation of the Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP) – Upon approval of this Act, each barangay shall formulate its BIDP which shall include the barangay’s plans and programs relative to nutrition, and which shall be integrated into the municipal development plan;

(b) Updating of the Existing Barangay Management Information System (BMIS) – As part of its research activities, the concerned SUC or community college shall continue to update its’ existing people-based information system which shall focus on the identification of the needs of the barangay through efficient and effective data collection. The data shall

1 be the basis for program planning, management and implementation of
2 various projects and activities in the barangay; and
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- 4 (c) Implementation of the Participative Nutrition Enhancement Approach
5 (PNEA) – The National Nutrition Council (NNC), and participating SUCs
6 and community colleges shall utilize the life cycle approach in the
7 formulation of food production policies and programs, and promote
8 market-driven livelihood activities among the households to prevent
9 malnutrition among preschool children and nutritionally-at-risk families.
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11 **SEC. 8. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation of the
12 BIDANI linkage program shall be included in the budget of the participating
13 SUCs or community college, in the annual General Appropriations Act. The
14 LGUs shall provide funding to the participating community colleges for the
15 implementation of the BIDANI linkage program.
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17 Participating SUCs and community colleges may also receive grants,
18 donations, and other forms of financial support from foreign and local persons,
19 institutions, and governments for the implementation of the BIIDANI linkage
20 program.
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22 In addition, the income generated by participating SUCs or community
23 colleges may also be used to augment the fund for the BIDANI Linkage Program.
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25 **SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days from the
26 approval of this Act, the UPLB-BIDANI shall, in coordination with the National
27 Nutrition Council (NNC) and the participating SUCs and community colleges
28 prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective
29 implementation.
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31 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is
32 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected
33 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
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35 **SEC. 11. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
36 regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of
37 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,