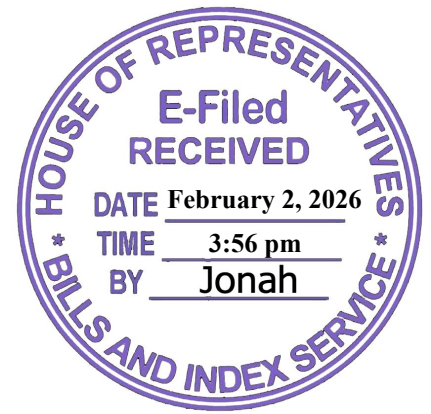


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

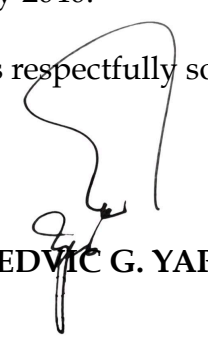
This bill seeks to transfer the National Fire Training Institute (NFTI) to the direct control and supervision of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP). The NFTI shall serve as the principal training arm of the BFP, primarily responsible for the conduct of mandatory training for all personnel of the Bureau. This directly supports the goals of Republic Act No. 11589, otherwise known as the "*Bureau of Fire Protection Modernization Act*".

At present, the NFTI's placement under the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) has created performance gaps due to differing institutional priorities. The transfer of NFTI to the BFP grants the Bureau full responsibility over its own training system that will allow it to independently formulate and implement plans, policies, and academic standards for advanced and specialized education in fire safety, emergency response, and disaster management. It also safeguards the academic freedom of the NFTI, allowing the Institute to design its own teaching methods, curriculum, and admission standards to produce globally competitive BFP personnel.

The legislative proposal fully integrates and strengthens BFP's training capabilities. The empowerment of the Bureau to manage its own education and skills development systems ensures a more holistic, inclusive, and sustainable approach to fire service training. Eventually, this will enhance public safety, improve community resilience, and support a safer Philippines by 2040.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is respectfully sought.


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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE (NFTI) FROM THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE (PPSC) TO THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 66, 67, AND 68 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990”, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Section 66 of Republic Act (RA) No. 6975, otherwise known as the “*Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990*”, as amended by Section 3 of RA No. 11279, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 66. *Creation of the Philippine Public Safety College.* – There is hereby created the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC), which shall be the premier educational institution for the training, human resource development and continuing education of all personnel of the Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology [and the provider of select mandatory career courses for police commissioned officers and specialized courses for personnel of the PNP]. **THE PPSC SHALL CONSIST OF THE NATIONAL JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY TRAINING INSTITUTE, AND OTHER SPECIALIZED INSTITUTES AS MAY BE CREATED BY LAW.**

“[The College shall be under the direct supervision of a Board of Trustees composed of the Secretary and the three (3) bureau heads.]

“THE NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE (NFTI), CURRENTLY OPERATING UNDER THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE, IS HEREBY TRANSFERRED FROM THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE PPSC TO THE DIRECT

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP). THE NFTI SHALL SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL TRAINING ARM OF THE BFP, PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF MANDATORY TRAINING, SPECIALIZED COURSES, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR ALL NON-COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL OF THE BUREAU."

SEC. 2. Section 67 of RA 6975, otherwise known as the "*Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990*", as amended by Section 4 of RA No. 11279, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 67. *Composition, Powers and Functions.* – The College shall consist of the [National Fire Training Institute,] National Police College, the National Forensic Science Training Institute, the National Jail Management and Penology Training Institute, and other special training centers as may be created by the Department, whose functions shall be as follows:

(a) Formulate and implement training programs for all personnel of the [Fire and] Jail Bureau[s] and other training centers under the Department;

(b) Formulate and implement select mandatory career courses for police commissioned officers;

(c) Formulate and implement specialized courses for personnel of the [PNP] **BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY;**

(d) Establish and maintain adequate physical training facilities;

(e) Develop and implement research and development to support educational training programs;

(f) Conduct an assessment of the training needs of all its clientele; and

(g) Perform such other related functions as may be prescribed by the Secretary."

SEC. 3. A new Section 67-B is hereby inserted after Section 67-A of the same Act, as amended, to hereby read as follows:

"SEC. 67-B. NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE. – THE NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE (NFTI) SHALL BE THE PREMIER INSTITUTION FOR FIRE SERVICE EDUCATION, AND

SHALL BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MANDATORY TRAINING, SPECIALIZED COURSES, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALL FIRE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. THE NFTI SHALL BE UNDER THE DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE CHIEF OF THE BFP.

“THE NFTI SHALL BE HEADED BY A DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF FIRE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT, WHO SHALL BE ASSISTED BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE RANK OF FIRE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT. THE NFTI SHALL HAVE A DEAN OF ACADEMICS AND A COMMANDANT, BOTH WITH THE RANK OF FIRE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT.”

SEC. 4. A new Section 67-C is hereby inserted after Section 67-B of the same Act, as amended, to hereby read as follows:

“SEC. 67-C. *FUNCTION OF THE NFTI UNDER THE BFP.* – THE NFTI SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

(A) DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND EVALUATE COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR ALL BFP PERSONNEL;

(B) FORMULATE AND CONDUCT MANDATORY AND SPECIALIZED COURSES FOR THE BFP PERSONNEL;

(C) FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT TRAINING DESIGNS FOR VOLUNTEERS, INDUSTRIAL WORKERS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY SECTORS;

(D) CONDUCT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON FIRE SERVICE TRAINING METHODOLOGIES, TECHNOLOGIES, AND CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENTS;

(E) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN TRAINING FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND RESOURCES;

(F) FORGE PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE, ORGANIZATIONS, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES;

(G) RECOMMEND POLICIES AND STANDARDS FOR BFP PERSONNEL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT TO THE CHIEF OF THE BFP;

**(H) CONDUCT ASSESSMENT OF TRAINING NEEDS;
AND**

**(I) PERFORM SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE
NECESSARY TO FULFILL ITS MANDATE AS THE
PRIMARY TRAINING INSTITUTION OF THE BFP."**

SEC. 5. Section 68-A of RA 6975, otherwise known as the "*Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990*", as amended by Section 6 of RA No. 11279, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 68-A. Transfer of Personnel and Properties. – The personnel and all the properties, facilities, records, equipment, funds, choses in action, appropriations, rights, functions, liabilities and other assets of the PNPA and NPTI are hereby transferred to the PNP.

**ALL BFP UNIFORMED AND NON-UNIFORMED
PERSONNEL AND ALL THE PROPERTIES, FACILITIES,
RECORDS, EQUIPMENT, FUNDS, CHOSSES IN ACTION,
APPROPRIATIONS, RIGHTS, FUNCTIONS, LIABILITIES, AND
OTHER ASSETS OF THE NPTI ARE HEREBY TRANSFERRED TO
THE BFP."**

SEC. 6. Section 68-B of RA 6975, otherwise known as the "*Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990*", as amended by Section 7 of RA No. 11279, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 68-B. *Transition.* – (a) Within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Chief of the PNP shall submit the revised table of organization and equipment and staffing pattern of the PNPA and the NPTI to the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for approval.

**"THE CHIEF OF THE BFP SHALL LIKEWISE SUBMIT
THE REVISED TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND
EQUIPMENT AND STAFFING PATTERN OF THE NPTI TO
THE DILG, THE DBM, AND THE CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION (CSC) FOR APPROVAL.**

The revised table of organization and equipment and staffing pattern may include the reorganization and renaming of existing PNP **AND BFP** training offices and units, **RESPECTIVELY**, and the realignment of functions as may be necessary;

(b) The **UNIFORMED AND NON-UNIFORMED** personnel of the PNPA **AND THE NPTI** shall be transferred from the

PPSC to the PNP, **AND FROM THE PPSC TO THE BFP, RESPECTIVELY**, and continue to perform their duties and responsibilities and receive their corresponding salaries and benefits;

(c) The **BFP**, PNP, PPSC, PNPA, **NFTI** and NPTI shall jointly conduct an inventory of all the properties, facilities, records, equipment, funds, choses in action, appropriations, rights, functions, liabilities, [and] other assets of the PNPA and NPTI prior to their complete transfer to the PNP, **AND OTHER ASSETS OF THE NFTI PRIOR TO THEIR COMPLETE TRANSFER TO THE BFP**;

(d) For a period of five (5) years from the effectivity of this Act, the PNPA shall continue to accommodate cadets for the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP): *Provided*, That this period may be extended by the PNP upon the request of the BJMP and BFP in case the PPSC is still not able to provide the education and training required by the two (2) bureaus. Pursuant thereto, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in consultation with the PPSC, is hereby authorized to create a separate academy for the BJMP and BFP. Thereafter, the PNPA shall produce graduates who will exclusively join the PNP: *Provided, further*, That the budget required for the per capita expenses for cadetship training during the transition period shall be included in the respective appropriations of the BJMP and BFP; and

(e) The Secretary of the DILG and *ex officio* Chairman of the NAPOLCOM shall formulate and implement a five (5)-year transition plan to ensure the smooth transfer of the PNPA and NPTI to the PNP. **LIKewise, THE SECRETARY OF THE DILG, THE CHIEF OF THE BFP, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE PPSC SHALL FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A FIVE (5)-YEAR TRANSITION PLAN TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH TRANSFER OF THE NFTI TO THE BFP."**

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the National Fire Training Institute (NFTI), in coordination with the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC), and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the NFTI

under the PPSC. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,