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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In many developed economies, the academe is an indispensable partner of industry as research, the output of academe, is the time-tested catapult of innovations in business and the private sector. Thus, there is a strong research culture in those countries.

For our country to fast-track our development objectives, there is a need to promote a research culture among our academic institutions.

One way to do so is to provide incentives for research via the institutionalization of an annual research competition among higher educations in the country such as the one subject of this Act.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL RESEARCH COMPETITION AMONG COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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 "Research Competition Act of 2016".

- SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to give priority to education, and science and technology, among others, to accelerate social progress, and promote human liberation and development.
- SEC. 3. All schools and universities are mandated to hold an annual research competition among their college students. For this purpose, competition categories along fields of study may be made by each college or university.
- SEC. 4. There shall also be an annual provincial research competition among colleges and universities within a particular province or region which shall be participated in by the winners of the research competition in the school level. Furthermore, the winners of the provincial competition shall also compete in the annual regional competition. Finally, the winners in the annual regional competition shall compete in the national annual research competition.

- SEC. 5. To foster a research culture among our colleges and universities, monetary prizes shall be awarded to the winning student researchers and their coaches.
- SEC. 6. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) are mandated to formulate the rules and regulations of this Act.
- SEC. 7. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter
- SEC. 8. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.
- SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.
- SEC. 10. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.