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EXPLANATORY NOTE


The Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) was created by virtue of the provisions of Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Department of Interior and Local Government Act of 1990. It is envisioned to serve as the premier institution for training, human resource development and continuing education of all personnel of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

This vision, however, of transforming the college into a world-class educational and training institution for public safety services will not be realized under the present set-up mainly because it lacks autonomy, flexibility and authority, especially in generating funds from other sources and entering into transactions which would fully support its plans and programs.

This measure seeks to provide answers and remedies to the present predicament of the PPSC as embodied in the proposed PPSC Charter. It is hoped that the enactment of the Charter would serve as a catalyst for growth and meaningful change that will transform the PPSC into an institution that is globally competitive and responsive to the changing needs of public safety services.

By affording our dedicated public servants: our frontline policemen, firemen and jail guards better training, education, and a more organized system, it is hoped that peace and order will improve and that the security needs of our people are best served.

Hence, the early passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY
COLLEGE TO GOVERN ITS ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION AND
OPERATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. **Title** - This Act shall be known as "Philippine Public Safety College Charter of 2016."

SECTION 2. **Purpose** - This bill seeks to enable the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) to effectively and efficiently carry its mandate, powers and functions under Sections 66 and 67 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Republic Act No. 8551.

SECTION 3. **Mandate** - The College shall serve as the primary educational institution for degree and non-degree programs for all personnel of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) including personnel, of the PPSC System and other related government Agencies.

SECTION 4. **Composition** - The PPSC shall consist of the present Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA), established pursuant to Section 13 of the Presidential Decree No. 1184 which is hereby renamed as "Philippine Public Safety Academy" (PPSA); the Fire National Training Institute (FNTI), the Jail National Training Institute (JNTI), the Police National Training Institute (PNTI),

hereby renamed as Philippine National Public Safety Training Institute (PNPSTI), the National Police College (NPC), hereby renamed as National Public Safety Institute (NPSI), the National Criminalities Research Training Institute (NCRTI), Regional Training Schools (RTS), hereby renamed as Public Safety Regional Training Institute (PSRTI) and other institutes, Special Training Centers as maybe created by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5. Board of Trustees - A Board of Trustees (BOT) shall be the highest policy making body of the College. It shall exercise direct supervision over the Philippine Public Safety College System.

SECTION 6. Composition of the Board of Trustees - The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the following:

Secretary of the Interior and Local Government	Chairman
President, Philippine Public Safety College	Vice Chairman
Chief, Philippine National Police	Member
Chief, Bureau of Fire Protection	Member
Chief, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology	Member

SECTION 7. Powers and Functions of the Board of Trustees - The Board of Trustees as the exclusive Governing Body of the Philippine Public Safety College System shall exercise policy-making functions in accordance with the general policies, plans and programs on education and training as maybe formulated by higher authorities. It shall have the following specific powers and duties:

- a. To constitute educational and training institutions for public safety services and provide structures and staffing pattern;
- b. To formulate and prescribe policies and rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as maybe necessary to carry out the purpose and functions of the PPSC;
- c. To formulate policies governing curricula, conferment of degrees including: honorary, professional chair, faculty, grants and qualifications, fellowships, scholarships, compensation and remuneration of faculty and personnel engagement in entrepreneurial projects, hiring of experts and consultants, resource persons and researchers, collection of tuition and other fees;
- d. To authorize the acceptance of donations, grants, trusts, legacy/gifts,

endowments from domestic or foreign sources, of donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the college with right to lease or sell some its properties for the purpose of making the College System financially viable;

- e. To authorize the College to hold the above-mentioned fees and funds in trust and disburse the same without their remittance to the national treasury, in furtherance of the objectives of the College;
- f. To recommend to the President of the Philippines the appointment of the PPSC President and Vice-Presidents;
- g. To formulate and prescribe an optimal plan and structure for PPSC System personnel, to include merit increases and across the board salary adjustments and other forms of emoluments and other benefits the personnel of the College;
- h. To authorize the PPSC Academic Board to grant accreditation of the course equivalent to the uniformed members of the police, fire and jail bureaus on highly meritorious and exceptional cases; and
- i. To exercise such other powers and functions necessary for the effective implementation of this Act in accordance with law.

SECTION 8. Office of the President - The President of the College shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) responsible for the administration and operations of the college as well as the exercise of leadership towards the attainment of the vision, mission and goals of the College.

SECTION 9. Incumbent President and Vice President of the College - The incumbent President and Vice Presidents of the College shall continue to serve as head of the institution for a period of six (6) years to be reckoned from their initial date of appointment unless sooner replaced in accordance with law.

SECTION 10. Death, Incapacity or Official of the President - In case the President of the College is unable to perform or discharge his or her duties and responsibilities due to death and incapacity, the Board of Trustees shall designate a Vice President who shall temporarily act as the President until the new President of the College shall have been appointed or the incapacity ceases. In case of official absence, the President of the College shall designate a Vice President who shall serve as Officer in Charge until the return of the incumbent President.

SECTION 11. Qualifications of the President - The President of the Philippine Public Safety College shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines and must possess the following qualifications:

- a. He is at least thirty-five (35) years of age;
- b. A member of the Philippine bar or a holder of master's degree in criminology, law enforcement, public administration, management, sociology, national security administration, public safety administration, criminal justice and other related disciplines; and
- c. Has experience in law enforcement work for at least five (5) years and must have done extensive research work or projects on law enforcement, criminology or criminal justice or members of a duly registered non-government organization involved in the promotion of peace and order.

SECTION 12. Terms of Office of the President - The President of the Philippine Public Safety College System shall hold office for six (6) years unless sooner removed for cause as provided for under existing civil service law, rules and regulations, or compulsory retired or incapacitated to discharge the duties of his office.

SECTION 13. Office of the Vice President - The Offices of the Vice Presidents exercising line functions are primarily responsible in assisting the Office of the President in the formulation of academic programs, recommendations in the grant of academic or non-degree courses, admissions and library services, faculty and student assistance including the provision of administrative service in personnel, budget, finance and related support services. The Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the President of the College. The term of office of the Vice President shall be the same as that of the President of the College.

SECTION 14. Qualifications of a Vice President - To be appointed to the position of Vice President, one must have the same qualification as that with the President, one must have the same qualification as that with the President, except that he/she must have an accumulated work experience of not less than five (5) years in duly recognized institution providing education and training in the field of public administration or public safety, or a practitioner in any discipline related to the public administration or public safety.

SECTION 15. **The Vice President for Academic Affairs** -The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall be primarily responsible in assisting the President in the formulation of the academic programs, recommendations in the grant of academic degrees, or non-degree courses, admissions, and library services, faculty and student development and assistance. He/she shall be assisted--by the Faculty, Planning, Curriculum and Standards Development and other related services.

SECTION 16. **Powers of the Vice President for Administration** - The Vice President for Administration shall be primarily responsible for assisting the President in the formulation of programs relating to administration and support services of the College, including the provision for administrative, budgetary, and logistical and security requirements of the institution, its constitutive units and campuses and other related services. He/she shall be assisted by Personnel, Administrative, Budgetary, Logistical, Security and other related services.

SECTION 17. **Academic Council** - There shall be created an academic council composed of the President of the College as Chairman, Vice-President for Academic Affairs as Vice-Chairman, Directors for Curriculum and Standard Development Service (CSDS), Faculty Development Service (FPS), Planning Service (PS) and Directors for Constitutive Institutes.

SECTION 18. **Administrative Council** - There shall be created as Administrative Council composed of the President of the College as Chairman, with the Vice President for Administration as Vice Chairman and Directors for Administrative Service (AS), Personnel Records and Management Service (PRMS), Logistics and Installation Service. (US), Budget Management Service (BMS) and Constitutive Institutes/ Centers.

SECTION 19. **Constitutive College, Institutes and Regional Training School** - The Philippine Public Safety College System with its existing Constitutive Colleges, Institutes and Regional Training Schools under R.A. No. 6975 as amended by R.A. No. 8551 as well as those organized thereafter by the Board of Trustees shall be headed by highly qualified civilian executives who are experts in the field of public safety education and training.

SECTION 20. **Personnel and Special Detail or Secondment** -. Heads of

bureaus and officers of National Government involved in public safety services are hereby authorized to loan or transfer upon request of the President of the College, such apparatus or supplies as maybe needed by the College and to assign employees on detail or secondment of duly therein when in the judgment of the head of bureau or office such supplies or employees can be spared without serious detriment to public service For purposes of promotion or other personnel transactions, service on the college, either by uniformed or civilian personnel, shall be counted as part of their active service in their mother units.

SECTION 21. Fiscal Autonomy - The College shall enjoy fiscal autonomy, pursuant to its authority to collect various fees in all academic and training courses, it shall be allowed to retain the proceeds of such collection and to appropriate the same for regular expenditures of the college subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. However, the College shall be authorized to retain and suspend the interest earnings of its collections deposited in authorized banks.

SECTION 22. Death, Sickness and Disability Benefits - Trainees and personnel of the College who die or incur injuries and disability while in the performance of their duties shall be provided with death, sickness, and disability benefits pursuant to Presidential Decree 448 as approved by the Board of Trustees. Such benefits shall be shouldered by their respective mother agencies.

SECTION 23. Academic Freedom - The Philippine Public safety College System shall enjoy academic freedom subject only to limitations under existing laws.

SECTION 24. Distance Education and Training Program - The Philippine Public College System, in coordination with the Civil Service Commission, shall conduct distance education and training programs for the police, fire and jail personnel in line with the qualifications and services upgrading for the public safety.

SECTION 25. Status of the Personnel of the College System - The officials and employees of the existing Philippine Public Safety College and the constitutive institutions, shall, unless removed for cause and after due process, continue to perform their duties and responsibilities and shall, receive their

corresponding salaries and benefits from the chartered College without the need for further appointment.

SECTION 26. Implementing Rules and Regulations - Within ninety (90) days upon assumption of office, the Board of Trustees shall issue Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 27. Separability Clause - If any part of provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof, which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 28. Appropriation Clause - The amount necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, including the administration, operation, maintenance and improvement of the College, shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

In addition, the College shall be allowed to source other funds from the following revenues generated from its operations: donations, grants, bequests and similar financial contributions and others, such as investments and/or interest incomes.

SECTION 29. Repealing Clause - All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act deemed repealed or amended accordingly

SECTION 30. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,