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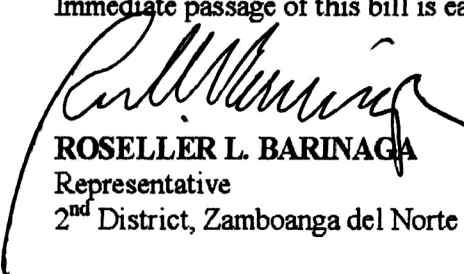
Introduced by **Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to further strengthen and solidify the academic or instructional learning that the students earn from the classroom by going into the actual field or industry experience.

This program is necessary to supplement the purely academic training that many of our students are exposed to and prepare themselves to the real and actual life in the industry where they intend to belong.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A COMPULSORY ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (OJT) AS
PART OF THE CURRICULAR PROGRAMS REQUISITE PRIOR TO
GRADUATION**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "OJT Act of 2004".

SEC. 2. *Requisite Prior to Graduation.* The OJT shall be institutionalized as part of the curricular programs requisite prior to graduation.

SEC. 3. *Duration of Training.* The OJT period shall be at least six (6) months apprenticeship program with institutions or industries which offer the proper relevant training and practical experience to graduating students.

SEC. 4. *Scope and Coverage.* This Act shall cover the following courses:

- (a) Engineering and Pure Science courses
- (b) Teacher Education
- (c) Law
- (d) Medical courses
- (e) Arts and Social Sciences
- (f) Technical/Vocational courses
- (g) Secretarial courses, and
- (h) Other courses which the school may deem necessary for OJT.

SEC. 5. *Prohibition against OJT fees.* All institutions, be they industrial, commercial, religious or otherwise which offer and/or give OJT shall collect financial charges or fees. Likewise, academic institutions are prohibited from collecting tuition or any special fees on the account of the OJT course.

SEC. 6. *Drafting of OJT Programs.* All private and State-owned Institutions of Higher Learning, including the State Colleges and Universities (SCUs) and other CHED-supervised institutions are tasked to draft their own respective OJT programs to this effect and to further negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with proper institutions in regard to the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Rules and Guidelines.* The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall promulgate the proper rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Penalty Clause.* Refusal on the part of any private or State-owned Institution of Higher Learning, including the State Colleges and Universities (SCUs) and other CHED-supervised institutions to effect the provisions of this Act or of any industry to allow the employment of students on the basis of this Act shall be penalized by a fine of Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00).

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder thereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.