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EXPLANATORY NOTE

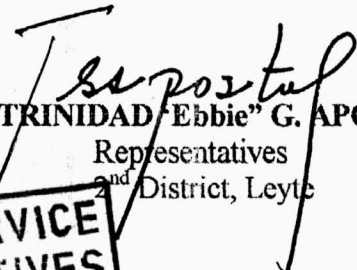
Almost two-thirds of the Filipino population belong to the youth sector. Presently, there is a dire need for a comprehensive youth development program. Several social ills continuously plague our youth: drug addiction, prostitution and gambling among others. These are but manifestations of their lack of guidance and absence of better attention and energy to more fulfilling, rewarding and successful lifestyle. It is incumbent upon the State to ensure an excellent quality of life for our youth through a sustained, coordinated and nationwide implementation of youth programs.

Section 13, Article II of the constitution provides:

“Section 13. “ The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual intellectual and social well-being.”

The bill proposes to establish a comprehensive Youth Development program. It seeks to promote the involvement of the youth on the character building and development and development activities for a civic efficiency, self improvement and economic well-being. The programs composed of various components such as: sports development, scholarship, livelihood training and cooperative organization. These areas of development will provide our youth the necessary opportunities to discover their social and economic potential to become self-reliant, productive and responsible citizens of the country.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is requested.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING YOUTH CENTERS NATIONWIDE TO BE KNOWN AS THE
FILIPINO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER ACT OF 2004 AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE.**

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 the Filipino Youth Development Center Act of 2004.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy- It is the declared policy of the state to promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being of the Filipino Youth, inculcating in them patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

SECTION 3. Objectives: The objectives are:

1. General Objectives:

- a) to provide for the formulation of policies and in the setting of priorities and direction of all youth development programs and activities.
- b) to develop and harness the full potential of the youth as partners in nation-building.
- c) to supplement government appropriation for youth promotion and development with funds from other sources.

2. Specific Objectives:

- a) to broaden and strengthen the services provided by the national government agencies, local government units and private agencies to young people.
- b) to provide information mechanisms on youth opportunities such as education, employment, livelihood, physical and mental health, capability building and networking.
- c) to increase the spirit of volunteerism geared towards the welfare of and among the Filipino youth.
- d) to establish a youth monitoring office in every region.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms:

(a) Youth - refers to those persons whose age ranges from fifteen (15) to twenty-one (21) years.

(b) In-School Youth – refers to those persons who are studying either formal or non-formal education.

(c) Out-of School Youth – refers to those persons who are not employed and are undergraduate of primary, secondary or tertiary.

(d) Working Youth – refers to those persons who are working irregardless of employment status/appointment or self-employed.

(e) Youth with Special Needs – refers to those persons with disabilities,

SECTION 4. Establishment of Filipino Youth Development Center- (a) there shall be establishment of youth centers in all provinces and cities to be operated by the local government units. All existing Regional and Provincial Training Centers of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall be utilized and to be operated and managed by the Local Advisory Council. (b) The National Youth Council (NYC) shall take the lead in the regional youth monitoring office to be established per region. The regional monitoring office shall be based in one of the provincial or city youth centers to be identified by the NYC and DILG.

Section 5. Program Components:

Scholarship Program – Shall provide access and generate funds for the scholarship grants to young but qualified individuals. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall provide and maintain list of scholarship programs including international scholarship grants in the Center. The Local Advisory Council shall provide the formulation of policies on the solicitation and expenditures of scholarship grants including the selection and endorsement of applicants.

Sports Development Program – Shall provide assistance in the planning and establishment of recreational facilities and sports centers, playground and training centers in every local government units in the country.

Livelihood – shall provide for the development of the out-of-school youth and the youth in the rural areas through continuing non-formal skills development training for profitable employment ventures and/or agriculture oriented activities and production. The program includes market linkage, business development and monitoring. The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall be the lead agency in providing the training programs in coordination with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) while the National Livelihood Support Fund (NLSF) shall provide the seed capital for the qualified beneficiaries.

Information Technology – Shall establish and maintain functional data-banking facilities, internet, e-mail and website. This includes information on job opportunities, business linkage and networking locally and internationally.

Library – shall establish and maintain library within the Center. It shall also solicit books and receive donations from any individuals, non-government organizations, and international organizations. The Local Advisory Council shall, in coordination with schools to coordinate with schools to formulate policies to

provide access to use their libraries to non-students. Copies of youth bills filed in Senate and the House of Representatives shall be made available in the Center.

Adolescent Health – shall provide counseling and reproductive health services. It shall also include the conduct of orientation, seminars and distribution of EIC materials on youth health.

Training/Capability Building – shall establish training program for leadership, advocacy, values formation, governance and among others. The Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) in coordination with the National Youth Commission (NYC) shall formulate a training module and shall accredit pool of trainers to assist the NYC for this purpose.

Networking – shall strengthen the information campaign of the registration of youth organizations and youth serving organizations from the local to national level. List of registered youth organizations and youth serving organizations shall be made available in the Center. The National Youth Council Commission (NYC) shall be the lead agency in the registration of the youth organizations and youth serving organizations.

Youth Cooperative – shall assist the organization of youth cooperatives which shall under the supervision and assisted by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), among the youth groups and students for the primary purpose of helping the members achieve their common cooperative purposes and objectives.

SECTION 6. Organizational Structure:

- (a) The Center shall be operated and managed by the Local Advisory Council chaired by the Provincial Governors for the Provinces; City Mayors for the Cities and Municipal Mayors for the municipalities;
- (b) The Council shall be composed of Technical Education and Skills Training Authority (TESDA) as Vice Chair; the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and two representatives each from civic religious organizations.
- (c) The National Youth Council (NYC) shall establish regional youth monitoring office in every region. NYC shall take the lead in the monitoring and evaluation of the component programs as per mandated under Executive Order 484, NYC as the case maybe, shall provide the Local Advisory Council technical support in the formulations of policies and programs based on the Medium Term Youth Development Plan (MTYDP).
- (d) There shall be a Center Administrator per Center to be appointed by the representative local chief executives as recommended by the Council who shall manage the day to day operation of the Center.

SECTION 7. Functions of the Local Advisory Council.

- (a) to accredit all establishments and centers as identified in this Act.
- (b) To formulate and implement policies and respective component programs in the local level in coordination with the various government agencies having youth-related programs and projects.

- (c) To submit annual report to NYC to be submitted to Congress and Office of the President.
- (d) To coordinate and harmonize activities of all organizations engage in youth Development programs by developing guidelines and standards governing their respective youth development programs.
- (e) to develop, initiate and provide support for the development and coordination of youth projects and design strategies to gain support and participation of the youth sector; and
- (f) to perform such other functions as may be provided by law.

SECTION 8. Staffing Pattern:

- (a) The respective local government units shall assign and/or designate at least three (3) manpower complements to the Center, to wit:
 - One (1) Center Administrator
 - One (1) Administrative Staff
 - One (1) Technical Staff
- (b) The TESDA personnel assigned in the Regional and Provincial Training Centers shall be absorbed by the LGU's as per RA 7796;
- (c) The NYC shall designate one (1) regional monitoring officer per region who shall regularly coordinate with the local advisory council.
- (d) There shall be youth volunteers who shall assist the staff in the Centers. If in case volunteers are students, their hours of volunteer services shall be credited in their respective school curriculum;
- (e) All government agencies shall assign designate focal point persons to assist and regularly coordinate with the Center Administrator regarding the implementation of their respective component programs.

SECTION 9. Appropriations. The amount of Two Hundred four Million Pesos (P204,000,000.00) shall be appropriated from the Annual General Appropriations Act and every year thereafter to carry out the provisions of this Act under the National Youth Commission.

SECTION 10. The National Youth Commission (NYC) in coordination with the Advisory Council as provided under Section 14 of RA 8044, shall formulate the implementing rules and regulation to carry out the provisions of this Act within ninety (90) days from its approval.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause – All existing Provincial, City and Municipal Youth Affairs Offices and similar entities under the local government units shall be transformed according to the provisions of this Act shall be repealed accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity – this shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved: