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House Bill No. 2280

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Kabasalan National Vocational School (KNVS), Kabasalan, Zamboanga Sibugay has catered to the need for Technical Education and Skills Development of thousand of students in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay in particular and Region IX in general. As it continued to serve, the limited courses offered were revised and expanded to keep itself abreast with the changing times. Then with the approval from higher authorities, KNVS also provided post-secondary and tertiary education. Despite the limited courses it offers, KNVS has equipped the young students with technical education and skills to prepare them for gainful employment in local and foreign industries that have myriads of opportunities for skilled workers.

In its desire to be significantly relevant to the challenges of the Third Millennium where science and technology play vital role in the life of people, KNVS is determined to make itself a center of excellence in Technology in this part of the country. As a matter of fact, KNVS already kept a remarkable record in turning out technically educated and skilled graduates.

Parents who cannot afford the prohibitive cost of college education in the cities for their children can avail of the curricular offering of the school. Moreover, the parents backed up by the community, clamor for an institution that provides professional and technological courses.

To address this long-standing clamor for an institution that services relevant training, technical education and skills development, this bill seeks to convert KNVS in the municipality of Kabasalan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay into an Institute of Science and Technology, to be known as Kabasalan Institute of Science and Technology administratively under the jurisdiction and direction of TESDA. Consequently, all its personnel, buildings and lands occupied by the campus of the school containing a total land area of 12.35 hectares more or less unexpended appropriations and other assets, fixed and movable are transferred to the Kabasalan Institute of Science and Technology.

Approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**CONVERTING THE KABASALAN NATIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN**  
**THE MUNICIPALITY OF KABASALAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA**  
**SIBUGAY, INTO KABASALAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND**  
**TECHNOLOGY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1        **SECTION 1. Conversion.** The present Kabasalan National Vocational School in  
2 the Municipality of Kabasalan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, is hereby converted into  
3 an institute of technology as the Kabasalan Institute of Science and Technology,  
4 hereinafter referred to as the Institute.

5        **SECTION 2. Purpose.** The Institute shall primarily provide Post Secondary  
6 Curriculum, Technical Education and Engineering Technology. It shall also promote  
7 progressive leadership in the fields of trade, industrial and technological education.

8        **SECTION 3. Supervision.** The Institute shall be the same under the direct  
9 administration and supervision of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority  
10 (TESDA) which shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective  
11 implementation of this Act.

12        ~~X~~ **SECTION 4. Personnel Transfers.** In order to provide for the continuity and  
13 smooth functioning of the curricular programs of Kabasalan National Vocational School,  
14 the present faculty of the school and other personnel are hereby transferred to the institute  
15 without reduction to position, rank or salary.

16        **SECTION 5. Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)**  
17 **Program.** The Kabasalan Institute of Science and Technology shall remain and continue  
18 to be a recipient institution of all government TVET programs and projects.

19           SECTION 6. **Appropriations.** The Director General of the Technical Education  
20 and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall immediately include in the authority's  
21 program the operationalization of the Kabasalan Institute of Science and Technology, the  
22 initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of  
23 Kabasalan National Vocational School and thereafter in the annual general appropriations  
24 act.

25           SECTION 7. **Audit.** All accounts and expenses of the school shall be audited by  
26 the Commission on Audit, and all disbursement shall be made in accordance with  
27 existing auditing rules and regulations.

28           SECTION 8. **Abolition.** The Kabasalan National Vocational School is hereby  
29 abolished, and all its personnel, buildings, and lands occupied by the campus of the  
30 school containing a total land area of 12.3 hectares more or less unexpended  
31 appropriations and other assets, fixed and movable, are transferred to the Kabasalan  
32 Institute of Science and Technology.

33           SECTION 9. **Implementation.** The Director General of Technical Education  
34 and Skills Development Authority is mandated to implement this Act. All laws  
35 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

36           SECTION 10. **Effectivity.** This act shall take effect upon its approval.