

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**THIRTEENTH CONGRESS**

First Regular Session

House Bill No. **2405**



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Introduced by Hon. Suharto T. Mangudadatu

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to implement the constitutional mandate embodied under Article XIV, Section 2 (4) as follows, "*The State shall encourage formal and non-formal, and indigenous learning systems, as well as self-learning, independent and out-of school programs particularly those that respond to community needs*".

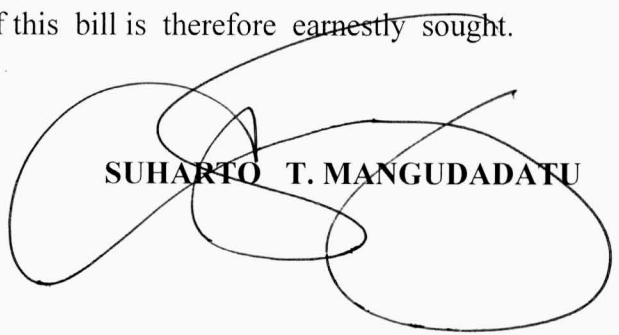
The municipality of Sen. Ninoy Aquino is a haven for a broad diversity of tribes and cultural minorities. Unfortunately, majority of settlers in these areas have no access to adequate training and learning experience. One major reason to this problem is the difficulty of access and mobility. Added to this, is the fact that the municipality lacks the needed political and financial support for the construction of indigenous learning centers in key areas.

As a consequence, the cultural minorities in this municipality especially those situated in far-flung nooks, are left with no choice but to till the soil in order to provide for their subsistence. They cannot venture into other means because they are not equipped with the proper knowledge, training, and resource.

The government's thrust to uplift the lives of our marginalized brothers predestined in these depressed areas, can only be resolved if we empower them through practical training and instruction.

Finally, to harness and further hone the potentials of these people, there should be an immediate establishment of one-stop learning and training centers in strategic areas in the municipality of Sen. Ninoy Aquino, Sultan Kudarat.

The expeditious passage of this bill is therefore earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS**  
**TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SEN. NINOY AQUINO,**  
**SULTAN KUDARAT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND**  
**FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be, through the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) jointly with the National Commission on Indigenous People's Commission ( NCIP) , an establishment of an indigenous training and learning center in the municipality of Sen. Ninoy Aquino , Sultan Kudarat.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriation for TESDA and NCIP under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its maintenance shall be shouldered by the National government.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved.