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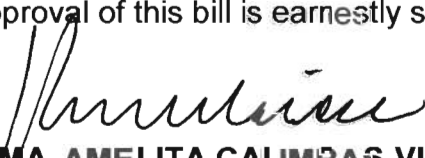
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes to establish the Occidental Mindoro Vocational and Technical Institute as a TESDA-Supervised Institution in the municipality of San Jose, province of Occidental Mindoro.

This proposed measure will respond to the pressing need of the people of Occidental Mindoro for a facility that will develop their vocational aptitude and technical skills, encourage their ingenuity and resourcefulness, and support their entrepreneurship ability to complement the emerging industrialization brought about by the MIMAROPA economic development program.

As an immediate goal, this Act endeavors to provide the youth of Occidental Mindoro an alternative, accessible and affordable education. As an ultimate goal, this Act envisions the abatement of the chronic problem of unemployment, emancipation from timeless bondage of poverty and full empowerment of the citizenry.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR ARSENIO L. VILLAROSA
MEMORIAL VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – SAN JOSE
CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress so assembled.*

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the direct administrative supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), a vocational and technical school to be known as the Occidental Mindoro Vocational and Technical Institute, hereinafter referred to as the Institute.

SECTION 2. The Institute shall offer two-year, non-degree technical courses in the areas of Agro-Industrial Technology, Agricultural Technology, Marine Technology, Biodiversity Conservation, Cooperative Management, Bookkeeping and Business Entrepreneurship, Health and Sciences, Police and Safety Management, Civil Technology, Information Technology, Tourism, and other technical courses that will provide its students necessary skills and training with the end in view of obtaining gainful employment and decent means of livelihood. *Provided*, that the curricula for these two-year, non-degree technical courses shall be so designed such that units earned thereby may be credited as preparatory for baccalaureate programs approved by joint policies of the CHED and the TESDA. *Provided, further*, that the Institute may offer vocational courses of shorter duration relevant to the needs of the province and the region.

SECTION 3. The Institute shall also offer non-formal education (NFE) livelihood programs to help alleviate the socio-economic status of the marginalized constituents of the province. The Institute shall likewise establish research, service and training centers throughout the province and strengthen industrial linkages as a component of its technology programs.

SECTION 4. The Institute shall be headed by a Vocational School Administrator appointed by the TESDA Regional Director upon the recommendation of the Provincial Director of the said agency, pursuant to pertinent laws and rules of the Civil Service. The head of the Institute shall have the power to recommend appointments of faculty and employees as well as recommend disciplinary actions as the case may warrant, subject to pertinent laws and rules of the Civil Service.

SECTION 5. The Institute shall be authorized to receive legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds and to administer and dispose the same when necessary for the benefit of the Institute, and subject to the limitations, directions and instructions of the donor, if any. Such donations shall be exempted from donor's tax and shall constitute allowable deductions from the taxable income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 6. The Institute shall devise a method of awarding scholarships to deserving students as well as fellowships and/or similar development programs for qualified faculty members and employees.

SECTION 7. The TESDA shall take steps as may be necessary for the immediate operationalization of the Institute, the funding for which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.