

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4405



Introduced by Honorable Arthur D. Defensor

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 1994, Republic Act No. 7796 created the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority or TESDA in consonance with the declared policy "to provide relevant, accessible, high quality and efficient technical education and skills development in support of the development of high quality Filipino middle-level manpower responsive to and in accordance with Philippine development goals and priorities." (Sec. 2, RA 7796) It is likewise a declared policy that the State shall encourage active participation of various sectors in providing technical education and skills development opportunities, particularly private enterprises, being direct participants in and immediate beneficiaries of a trained and skilled workforce. (Ibid)

Indeed, the State recognizes "the indispensable role of the private sector" in economic progress and the complementary roles of public and private institutions in technical education and skills development. But the private sector can only do so much. It is still the government's basic responsibility to provide the avenues for these policies to bear fruit. Thus, this bill seeks to create Manpower and Livelihood Training Centers in all provinces throughout the country. These training centers shall function under the scope and supervision of the TESDA and based on a program prepared by the TESDA in coordination with the local development councils.

The program shall not be limited to "middle-level manpower" or those who have acquired practical skills and knowledge through formal or non-formal education and training or those workers who have become highly competent in their trade or craft. Pursuant to the constitutional mandate to provide adult citizens, the disabled, and out-of-school youth with training in vocational efficiency, these training centers shall be open to all and sundry who desire to acquire the needed skills for them to be able to become productive and find their social niche.



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AN ACT
CREATING MANPOWER AND LIVELIHOOD TRAINING CENTERS IN ALL
THE PROVINCES OF THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the state to provide relevant training to its citizenry towards vocational efficiency and other skills to raise their living standards and alleviate poverty.

SECTION 2. *Provincial Manpower and Livelihood Training Centers; Program.* To implement the policy declared in this Act, there are hereby created Manpower and Livelihood Training Centers in all provinces throughout the country, which shall function under the scope and supervision of the Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA): Provided, That any such establishment shall be based on a program prepared by the TESDA in coordination with the local development councils: Provided, further, that these Training Centers shall be located in the population center of the province.

SECTION 3. *Appropriation.* The amount needed for the implementation of this program shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after promulgation of its rules and regulations.

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