

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

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House Bill No. 4620



Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Wright Vocational School in the Municipality of Paranas, Province of Samar into a Technical and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) institution to be known as the Paranas College of Arts and Trade.

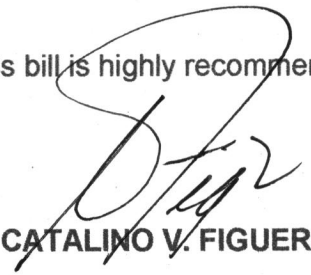
Wright Vocational School was established under Republic Act No. 3477 to offer short term technical and vocational courses and the Secondary Trade Curriculum. At present, the Department of Education (DepEd) Region VIII has the administrative and supervisory jurisdiction over the school. Since DepEd is more concerned with basic elementary education and secondary education, very little help is extended to the needs of Wright Vocational School in terms of supervision, funding and facilities.

The students of the school come from poor families -- children of farmers and fishermen from the Municipality of Paranas and other neighboring towns such as Motiong, Jiabong, San Jose de Buan, Hinabangan and San Sebastian. They are very much desirous to undergo superior technical training but cannot afford to enroll elsewhere.

The conversion of Wright Vocational School into Paranas College of Arts and Trade through this legislation would greatly enhance the capacity and capability of the school to provide its students with adequate instructional materials, improved facilities and state-of-the-art tools and equipment thus, empowering it to be able to build productive citizens who will actively participate in nation-building.

It is hoped that with the passage of this bill, the young students will now, finally, have a chance to earn a college education and an opportunity to contribute to the upliftment of the economic conditions of the people in the area.

In view thereof, the approval of this bill is highly recommended.



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**AN ACT
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TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(TESDA) INSTITUTION TO BE KNOWN AS THE
PARANAS COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADE,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Wright Vocational School in the Municipality of Paranas, Province of Samar is hereby converted into a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) institution to be known as the Paranas College of Arts and Trade herein referred to as the College.

SECTION 2. The College shall primarily provide higher technological, professional and vocational instruction and training in the field of Science, Engineering, Industrial Education as well as short-term technical and vocational courses aside from its present secondary and post-secondary curricular offerings.

SECTION 3. The College shall be headed by a Vocational School Superintendent II to be appointed by the Chairperson of the Technical

Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). The incumbent Vocational School Administrator III shall be the first Vocational School Superintendent II.

SECTION 4. All assets of the Wright Vocational School, whether fixed or movable, records and personnel are hereby transferred to the Paranas College of Arts and Trade.

SECTION 5. The Chairperson of TESDA is hereby directed to take necessary steps for the immediate implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Wright Vocational School. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of other provisions not affected thereby.

SECTION 8. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rule and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,