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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

The focus of this bill is to strengthen the participation of the youth in all programs, projects and activities of the government and to comply to the mandates of the Constitution.

Approval of the bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

RENAMING THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION INTO NATIONAL YOUTH CENTER FOR POLICY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED PROGRAM ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE "REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8044 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE YOUTH IN NATION BUILDING ACT" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 8044, is hereby amended by adding paragraph (e) to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. Policy

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- (e) MONITOR AND EVALUATE EXISTING YOUTH PROGRAMS AND POLICIES AND PROVIDE IMPACT ASSESSMENTS ON THE COMPONENTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended and adds further paragraph (g) and the succeeding paragraphs to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Development Program

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- (b) A national study on the "Situation of Youth in the Philippines" for the period up to the approval of this Act, and every [three (3) years] FIVE (5) YEARS thereafter which identifies priority needs, prevailing attitudes and values of

youth, existing services, and gaps in services of the delivery of the basic needs of youth;

- (c) A "National Review, Evaluation and Reform" of all organizations delivering services to the youth for the period up to the approval of this Act and [every three (3) years] FOUR (4) YEARS after;

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- (g) CREATION OF LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS AND IMPLEMENT THEIR LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES, CITIES AND PROVINCES NATIONWIDE TOWARDS THE CREATION OF YOUTH CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE NATIONWIDE;

- (h) INSTITUTIONALIZING THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM (YORP) THAT MANDATES THE NYCPD TO ACCREDIT YOUTH AND YOUTH SERVING ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY;

- (i) INSTITUTIONALIZE REGIONAL YOUTH STUDIES THAT IDENTIFIES SPECIFIC NEEDS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN THE REGION THAT SHALL COMPLEMENT THE IDENTIFIED STRATEGIES IN THE NATIONAL STUDY ON THE SITUATION OF YOUTH IN THE PHILIPPINES TO BE CONDUCTED EVERY TWO (2) YEARS;

- (j) THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH AMBASSADORS IN THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA THROUGH THE SHIP FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN YOUTH PROGRAM (SSEAYP)

SECTION 3. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby further amended by deleting letter (d) and add further paragraph (e) and the succeeding paragraphs to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Definition of Terms

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- (e) "LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS" (LYDC) REFERS TO THOSE CITY, MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL STRUCTURES THAT ENSURES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF

THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT
COMPLEMENTS EXISTING PROGRAMS OF THE
DIFFERENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT UNITS.

- (f) "LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN" (LYDP) REFERS
TO THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUTH
IDENTIFIED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LYDP.
- (g) "NYCPD" REFERS TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH CENTER
FOR POLICY.
- (h) "YOUTH ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PROGRAM"
REFERS TO THE ACCREDITATION BODY OF THE
NYCPD THAT REVIEWS AND CERTIFIES YOUTH AND
YOUTH SERVING ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THE
COUNTRY.

SECTION 4. Section 5 of the same Act is hereby amended to rename the
former National Youth Commission and add a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

"Section 5. NATIONAL YOUTH CENTER FOR POLICY RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT – There is hereby created the "National Youth Center for
Policy Research and Development" herein after referred to as the "NYCPD".

- (g) THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL
YOUTH PARLIAMENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC., WHO
SHALL SERVE IN AN EX-OFFICIO CAPACITY.

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SECTION 5. Section 7 of the same Act is hereby amended and adds
another paragraph to read as follows:

"Section 7. Qualifications of the Chairman and the Commissioners.

The chairman [shall not be more than forty-five (45) years of age,
and the appointive commissioners [no more than forty (40) years of age, at
any time during their incumbency;] be a natural-born citizens of the
Philippines; have occupied positions of responsibility and leadership in duly
registered youth and youth serving organizations or institutions; of good
moral character; and not have been convicted of any crime involving moral
turpitude.

MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH
PARLIAMENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC., SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN
THE SELECTION OF OFFICIALS TO THE NYCPD HAVING PASSED THE SAME

QUALIFICATIONS STATED AS A DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT.

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SECTION 6. Section 10 of the same Act is hereby amended by deleting paragraphs (c), (i) and (l) and add paragraph (r) and other succeeding paragraphs to read as follows:

“Section 10. Functions of the NYCPD

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- (r) TO PROVIDE PROPER REPRESENTATION OF THE YOUTH SECTOR IN ALL GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE DIRECT AND INDIRECT FUNCTIONS THAT MAY AFFECT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUTH POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THE NYCPD.
- (s) TO INSTITUTIONALIZE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC., AND THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FROM BARANGAY, MUNICIPAL, CITY, PROVINCIAL, AND NATIONAL LEVELS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUSTAINED CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE YOUTH SECTOR ON THE PROPER PLANNING AND EVALUATION OF POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AFFECTING THE YOUTH.
- (t) TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL OFFICES THAT SHALL CONDUCT MONITORING ACTIVITIES ON EXISTING YOUTH PROGRAMS THROUGH THE CONDUCT OF REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND COORDINATE WITH LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS IN THE REGION IN THE PROMOTION OF YOUTH ADVOCACIES AND CONDUCT OF LOCAL STUDIES ON THE CONDITION OF THE YOUTH IN THE REGION.

SECTION 7. Section 11 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 11. The Secretariat and the Executive Director – [The Commission shall organize a secretariat to be headed by an executive director who shall serve as the chief operating officer.] THE NYCPD SHALL ORGANIZE A NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR OPERATIONS THAT SHALL INCLUDE, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH

EXCHANGE, YOUTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH, YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING AND YOUTH PROMOTIONS AND ADVOCACY THAT SHALL SUPERVISED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER.

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SECTION 8. Section 15 has been added and rearrange the succeeding Section of this Act to read as follows:

"Section 15. REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS – THERE SHALL BE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS ESTABLISHED NATIONWIDW COMPOSED OF THE SAME AGENCIES REPRESENTED IN THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL WHEREIN SUCH AGENCIES HAVE EXISTING REGIONAL OR SIMILAR STRUCTURES AND CHAIRED BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN A PARTICULAR REGION.

THE RAC SHALL MEET ONCE EVERY THREE (3) MONTHS OR AS MAYBE NECESSARY UPON THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL. THE NYCPD, SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND THE SECRETARIAT REQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL THROUGH THE REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE NYCPD.

SECTION 9. Section 16 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 16. Appropriations – There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the amount of [Fifty million pesos (P50,000,000)] ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P150,000,000.00) as additional funding for the NYCPD to be charged against the unexpected contingency funds of the Office of the President.

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SECTION 10. Section 17 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 17. Transfer of Assets, Properties and Funds – [Assets, properties, and funds of the Pambansang Katipunan ng Kabataang Barangay and that of the Presidential Council for Youth Affairs under the Office of the President pursuant to Executive Order No. 274, series of 1987 and of all other youth-serving agencies under said Office shall be transferred to the Commission.]ASSETS, PROPERTIES AND FUNDS OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NYCPD.

SECTION 11. Separability Clause – If any reasons or reasons, any part or provision of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. Section 22 of this Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 22 Repealing Clause – [Presidential Decree Nos. 604 and 1191, Executive Order No. 274, Series of 1987, and all other laws, decrees, rules and regulations, other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.] REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8044 AND ALL OTHER LAWS, DECREES, RULES AND REGULATIONS OTHER ISSUANCES OR PARTS THEREOF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT ARE HEREBY REPEALED OR MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

SECTION 13. Effectivity Clause – This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least one (1) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.