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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine 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 (Section 13, Art. II).

The youth's involvement in addressing the issues that concern them has an impact on the future of the country hence active involvement and participation of the young leaders today is needed. Such contribution of time, effort, intelligence and dedication not only promotes but also strengthens time honored principles of democratic representation. It brings about youth empowerment—the absence of which will not only adversely affect their welfare but also paints a depressing future for this country. Non-representation negates the idea that the youth is the hope of the motherland.

The late President Ferdinand E. Marcos, established the first youth council through the Kabataang Barangay (KB) by virtue of Presidential Decree 684 which gave the youth a platform to effectively express their views and opinions on issues of transcendental significance. However, the KB was replaced by the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) when the decree was repealed by Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991. To date, the fate of the SK is yet to be decided pending proposals for its abolition or reform.

This bill seeks the creation of a Local Youth Development Council in every municipality, city and province. It aims to provide an alternative that will strengthen the role of the youth in providing a more democratic and popular basis for legislation and/or other governmental and non-governmental endeavors affecting them. By defining their role in the upkeep and development of their respective communities, we will be increasing their morale, sense of responsibility and accomplishment. By providing them with a mechanism for participation and involvement in public and civic affairs, we will be giving them an opportunity not only to prove their worth in the community but also to help them believe in their capacity to help the country. The bill also seeks to encourage the spirit of volunteerism among country's youth and make them active and dependable partners in nation building.

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


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AN ACT
TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BY
CREATING A LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN EVERY
MUNICIPALITY, CITY AND PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION. 1. Title - This Act shall be known as the " Local Youth Development Council Act of 2011".

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy - It is the declared policy of the state to promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being of Filipino youth, inculcating in them patriotism and nationalism, and encouraging their involvement in public and civic affairs.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms - As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean:

1. Youth - refers to persons whose age ranges from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years as provided under Republic Act No. 8044.
2. Council – refers to the Local Youth Development Council as provided herein.
3. Center – refers to a multi-purpose or one– stop–shop facility as may be established by the local youth development council that shall provide development programs and services to the youth.
4. Commission – refers to the National Youth Commission established by virtue of Republic Act No. 8044.

SEC. 4. Local Youth Development Council - There shall be created a Local Youth Development Council in every municipality, city and province which shall be responsible for the formulation of policies and implementation of youth development programs, projects and activities in their respective areas of jurisdiction in coordination with various government and non-government organizations.

SEC. 5. Objectives – The council shall have the following objectives:

1. General Objectives:

- a) To develop and harness the full potential of the youth as responsible partners in nation-building;
- b) To encourage intensive and active participation of youth in all government and non-government programs, projects and activities affecting them;

- c) To harmonize all government and non-government initiatives or the development of the youth sector; and
- d) To supplement government appropriations for youth promotion and development with funds from other sources.

2. Specific Objectives:

- a) To broaden and strengthen the services provided by the national government agencies, local government units and private agencies to young people;
- b) To provide information mechanism on youth opportunities on the areas of education, employment, livelihood, physical and mental health, capability-building and networking;
- c) To increase the spirit of volunteerism among the Filipino youth particularly in the maintenance of peace and order and the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and natural resources within their locality;
- d) To provide monitoring and coordinating mechanisms for youth programs, projects and activities; and
- e) To provide a venue for the active participation of the youth in cultural and eco-tourism awareness program

SEC. 6. Composition of the Council – The council shall be composed of the following:

- a) Municipal Mayor/City Mayor/Provincial Governor – Chairperson
- b) President of the “Pambayan/Panlungsod/Panlalawigan na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan” – Vice-Chairperson
- c) Municipal/City/Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator – Member
- d) Municipal/City/Provincial Local Government Operations Officer – Member
- e) One (1) representative each from any dominant youth organization in the locality that are recognized and accredited by the NYC representing the following:
 - 1. Secondary or tertiary student council – Member
 - 2. Out-of-school youth – Member
 - 3. Working youth – Member
 - 4. Differently-abled or youth with special needs – Member
 - 5. Religious youth organizations – Member

SEC. 7. Functions of the Local Youth Development Council - The Local Youth Development Council shall have the following functions:

- a) To formulate policies and component programs in their respective areas of jurisdiction in coordination with the various government agencies having youth-related programs, projects and activities;
- b) To coordinate and harmonize activities of all agencies and organizations engaged in youth development programs in the locality and design strategies to give support and participation of the youth;
- c) To assist the national government and government agencies in the promotion of programs, projects and activities in the locality and monitor the implementation of the said programs and projects at the local level;

- d) To assist various government and non-government agencies in the identification and nomination of qualified participants to different youth programs, projects and activities;
- e) To accredit training pools for the purpose of assisting line agencies in implementing their training and capability-building programs;
- f) To nominate its delegate to the national youth parliament;
- g) To create a research team that will formulate a mechanism to come up with local youth situationer;
- h) To conduct fund- raising campaign and solicitation;
- i) To receive / accept donations, bequests, gifts and grants;
- j) To enter into contracts with other government and non-government agencies necessary for the accomplishment of the objectives of this Act;
- k) To develop and provide support for the development and coordination of youth projects and design strategies to gain support and participation of the youth;
- l) To recommend youth programs and project proposals to appropriate government agencies and non-government organizations;
- m) To create a Youth Affairs Office or designate personnel that will serve as secretariat to the council;
- n) To ensure the integration of strategies and policies identified in the Philippine Youth Development Plan in their localized strategies applicable in the development of the Local Youth Development Plan; and
- o) To perform such other functions as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act

SEC. 8. Youth Development Plan – The Council shall formulate and adopt a five-year municipal/city/provincial youth development plan which shall be duly supported by an ordinance enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Pambayan or Panlalawigan. The said plan shall be the basis for the implementation of local youth development programs and services in coordination with concerned agencies. These shall include, but not be limited to the following:

A) YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

1. Scholarship and Exchange Programs - local and international scholarships and exchange programs, grants, and subsidies;
2. Sports and Recreation - trainings/conferences, seminars, sports clinics, competitions and other sports activities;
3. Livelihood Development - trainings on livelihood skills, basic business management, formal and non-formal skills, market linkages, business development, value orientation, credit facility and job placement sourcing;

4. Training and Capability-Building - leadership, advocacy, value formation, governance, entrepreneurship, information technology and other relevant programs;
5. Youth Cooperatives - organization of youth cooperatives, technical assistance and financial support from appropriate government agencies; and
6. Culture and The Arts - cultural programs and activities, workshops, art classes, among others.

B) YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

1. Information Resource Services - internet, e-mail, website and social networks, materials and information on job opportunities, scholarships, trainings, local and international linkages and networking, and all laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules, regulations and other issuances pertinent to the youth sector, including youth-related measures filed in both Houses of Congress;
2. Adolescent Health – counseling services, orientation seminars, training on health-related matters, and referrals to appropriate government clinics, hospitals, rural health units and institutions;
3. Youth Hostels and Training Center Facilities - access to hostels, dormitories, affiliated half-way houses, temporary shelter and training centers;
4. Legal Assistance - access to free or affordable legal services such as counseling, advice, court hearings, preparation of legal documents, and referrals to appropriate agencies;
5. Eco-Tourism - promotional campaign designed to promote local tourism destinations, and information on travel guides, seminars/conferences, and other similar activities.

SEC. 9. Meeting of the Council – The Council shall meet at least once a month or as often as it may deem necessary. The Chairman or his duly designated representative shall preside in all council meetings.

SEC. 10. Reportorial Requirement - The Municipal/ City/Provincial Council shall submit an annual accomplishment report, including a youth situationer in their respective localities to the President of the “Pambansang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan”.

The President of the “Pambansang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan” shall evaluate and consolidate the accomplishment reports submitted by the City, Municipal or Provincial Councils from all over the country and submit the same, together with the youth situationer reports, to the National Youth Commission for appropriate action.

The National Youth Commission shall evaluate, assess and consolidate, the youth situationer reports as basis for the preparation of a national youth situationer pursuant to Section 3 of R.A.No. 8044.

SEC. 11. Local Youth Consultation / Congress – The Municipal or City Council shall convene a local youth congress or conduct consultations with the youth at least once a year to gather information and data that shall serve as inputs in the formulation of the youth development plan of the locality. The Municipal/City Council

shall submit a copy of all resolutions, declarations and proceedings of the local youth congress/ consultations to their respective Sangguniang Pambayan/Panlungsod and copy furnish the Provincial Planning Office/Sangguniang Panlalawigan for appropriate action.

SEC. 12. Youth Center - The Municipal/City/Provincial Council shall establish a multi-purpose youth center which shall operate as a one stop-shop facility.

For this purpose, the council may assign, designate, detail, or appoint a center coordinator and, whenever necessary, additional personnel to assist the center coordinator.

SEC. 13. Roles, Duties and Responsibilities of Government Agencies- The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Tourism (DOT), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), National Computer Center (NCC), National Commission on Culture and Arts (NCCA), National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), National Youth Commission (NYC), Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and other government agencies with youth development programs shall be mandated to perform the following:

1. To establish a youth desk and designate a focal person in all their existing local offices who shall facilitate and expedite the delivery of youth related programs and services in their respective offices. In the absence of the local offices, such agencies shall designate a focal person in their respective national or regional offices; and
2. To provide prototype Information Education Communication (IEC) materials in the barangay centers; and
3. To provide maximum assistance to the LYDC

SEC. 14. Responsibility of the Municipal Mayor/City Mayor /Provincial Governor - It shall be the responsibility of the local chief executive in their respective municipality, city or province to ensure that the provisions of this Act are implemented to its fullest.

SEC. 15. Appropriations - The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the National Youth Commission and all government agencies concerned. Thereafter, such sum as maybe necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act following its enactment.

Likewise, each barangay shall allocate at least five percent (5%) of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) funds annually for the continued operation of the council and for the sustainability of its youth development programs and services including the establishment and operation of the youth centers.

SEC. 16. Implementing Rules and Regulations - The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in consultation with the League of Barangays , League of Cities, League of Municipalities, League of Provinces, National Youth Commission (NYC), and other concerned agencies including the concerned committees of both Houses of Congress, shall formulate the implementing rules and

regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act within ninety (90) days from its approval.

SEC. 17. Separability Clause - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SEC. 18. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or part thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified.

SEC. 19. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,