

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4622



Introduced by REP. ENRICO "RECOM" ECHIVERRI

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a Skills and Training Center for Out-of-School Youth for the First District of Caloocan City and the nearby areas of Quezon City and the Province of Bulacan.

Due to the very important role of the youth in nation building, the 1987 Constitution itself provides, under Article II, Section 13, 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 number of school drop-outs is ever increasing due to circumstances that can be attributed to poverty. Since the First District of Caloocan, specifically the northern part, houses major relocation areas and low-cost subdivisions, this district produces a big number of out-of-school youth that found themselves working at an early age. Economic constraints lessen their chances of getting good education which in turn can have adverse effects on their development and progress. Some of them just while away their time in the absence of opportunities, or worse, found themselves susceptible to drug abuse.

This bill aims to provide a better alternative. By establishing a Skills and Training Center, a venue will be created wherein out-of-school youth is able to acquire technical and vocational skills that can benefit them personally. The training center will offer programs and activities aimed at strengthening manpower education and training so the youth can have better chances for future employment. Gender equality will be also be supported since the center envisioned in this Bill will cater to both genders of the youth. Through this measure the beneficiaries will become productive members of society, providing them with opportunities for a better future.

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

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT SKILLS AND TRAINING CENTER FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CALOOCAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. A District Skills and Training Center for Out-of-School Youth is hereby established in the First District of Caloocan, to be known as "Caloocan First District Skills and Training Center."

SECTION 2. The Center shall be under the supervision of the Department of Labor and Employment.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor and Employment shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the speedy and effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. The Department of Labor and Employment shall include in the Department's program the amount necessary to carry out the provision of this Act, and shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into the law thereafter.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.



ENRICO "RECOM" ECHIVERRI