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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 13, Article II of the Constitution states, "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." Further, the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) was created under the Local Government Code of 1991 to institutionalize the precepts of the Constitution toward a service-oriented youth leadership.

However, many people view that the SK failed to live up to its envisioned purpose of instilling the values of leadership and excellence to the Filipino youth. Instead, SK turned out to be politicized and susceptible to dishonest practices especially with regard the handling and use of funds for projects. While many call for the abolition of the SK, youth participation in nation-building should not be excluded; rather, youth participation should be encouraged.

The Constitution clearly guarantees youth participation in local governance, more importantly, in nation-building. However, it is clear that reforms in the current system must be initiated in order to uphold the mandate of the Constitution for youth empowerment. Thus, this bill seeks to introduce reforms in the current SK system and strengthen youth participation in governance.

Among the reforms introduced by this proposed measure are: the adjustment of the age bracket for the officers of the SK from 18 to 24 yrs. old; the creation of Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) in every province, city, municipality, all over the country; and, provisions that would prohibit political dynasties in SK. By introducing these reforms, it is hoped that we will be able to give the youth the support, the recognition, that they are an important component in nation-building.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING ENABLING MECHANISMS FOR MEANINGFUL YOUTH
PARTICIPATION IN NATION BUILDING, STRENGTHENING THE SANGGUNIANG
KABATAAN, CREATING THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND PROVINCIAL YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Youth Development and Empowerment Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of State Policies and Objectives.* - The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and thus, promotes and protects their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being, inculcates in them patriotism, nationalism and other desirable values, and encourages their involvement in public and civic affairs.

Towards this end, the State shall establish adequate, effective, responsive and enabling mechanisms and support systems that will ensure the meaningful participation of the youth in local governance and in nation building.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* - For purposes of this Act, the following terms are hereby defined:

- a) "Commission" shall refer to the National Youth Commission created under Republic Act (RA) No. 8044;
- b) "Community-based Youth Organizations" shall refer to organizations whose membership or programs and projects are based only on a specific sitio or purok, province, city, municipality or barangay;

- 1 c) "Council" shall refer to the Local Youth Development Council in the province, city
2 and municipality;
- 3 d) "Faith-based Youth Organizations" shall refer to those organizations whose members
4 share common faith, moral persuasion and spiritual beliefs with programs, projects
5 and activities catering to the youth;
- 6 e) "Ideology-based youth organizations" shall refer to youth organizations whose
7 members are advancing a legitimate social ideology or thought;
- 8 f) "Local chief executive" shall refer to the provincial governor, city and municipal
9 mayor;
- 10 g) "Local Government Operations Officer" shall refer to the duly designated head of the
11 office of the Department of the Interior and Local Government stationed in the
12 concerned local government unit;
- 13 h) "Local sanggunian" shall refer to the sangguniang panlalawigan, sangguniang
14 panlungsod and sangguniang bayan;
- 15 i) "Out of School Youth Organizations" shall refer to youth organizations whose
16 members are not attending formal schooling;
- 17 j) "Student councils" shall refer to official student body duly elected by the students as
18 their student government;
- 19 k) "Youth Affairs Provincial Officer" shall refer to the person duly appointed or
20 designated by the Commission to serve as its agent in the province with the tasks
21 provided for in this Act or as the Commission may deem necessary;
- 22 l) "Youth" shall refer to those persons whose ages range from fifteen (15) to thirty (30)
23 years old as defined by R.A. 8044;
- 24 m) "Youth Organizations" shall refer to those organizations whose membership/
25 composition are the youth;
- 26 n) "Youth-Serving Organizations" shall refer to those registered organizations whose
27 principal programs, projects and activities are youth-oriented and youth-related;
- 28 o) "Youth with Specific Needs Organizations" shall refer to organizations whose
29 members as well as programs and projects are intended to the youth in need of special
30 care, attention or protection to include, but not limited to, members of indigenous
31 cultural communities, persons with disabilities, victims or in situation of armed
32 conflicts, calamities or natural disasters, drug dependents, abandoned, abused or
33 exploited, and youth offenders and children or youth in conflict with the law,
34 vulnerable youth and members of the lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders or
35 LOBT community; and,
- 36 p) "Working Youth, Young Entrepreneurs and Young Professionals Organizations" shall
37 refer to youth organizations or youth associations whose members are either
38 employed, practicing entrepreneurs or working young professionals, or whose

1 programs and projects are intended for the youth who are employed, practicing
2 entrepreneurs or working young professionals. Youth cooperatives and youth unions
3 fall under this classification.
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5 CHAPTER II

6 THE KATIPUNAN NG KABATAAN AND THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN 7

8 **SEC. 4. *Katipunan ng Kabataan.*** - There shall be in every barangay a katipunan ng
9 kabataan to be composed of all citizens of the Philippines residing in the barangay for at least six
10 (6) months, who are at least fifteen (15) but not more than twenty-four (24) years of age, and
11 who are duly registered in the list of the Commission on Elections and/or the records of the
12 sangguniang kabataan secretary.
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14 **SEC. 5. *Powers and Functions of the Katipunan ng Kabataan.*** - The katipunan ng
15 kabatan shall:

- 16 a) Elect the sangguniang kabataan chairperson and members;
17 b) Serve as the highest policy-making body to decide on matters affecting the youth
18 in the barangay. As such, the sangguniang kabataan shall consult and secure the concurrence of
19 the katipunan ng kabataan in the formulation of all its programs, plans and activities; and,
20 c) Reprimand, suspend or remove the sangguniang kabataan chairperson or any of
21 the sangguniang kabataan members in accordance with section 19 of this act.
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23 **SEC. 6. *Katipunan ng Kabataan Assembly.*** - The katipunan ng kabataan shall meet at
24 least once every six months at the day and time to be determined by the sangguniang kabataan.
25 However, the sangguniang kabataan chairperson, a majority of the sangguniang kabataan
26 members, or at least one-fifth (1/5) of all its members may call for a special katipunan ng
27 kabataan assembly. The purpose of such shall be clearly stated in the notice to be distributed to
28 all katipunan ng kabataan members not later than three (3) days before the conduct of the special
29 assembly. The first katipunan ng kabataan assembly shall take place within three (3) months
30 after the duly elected sangguniang kabataan shall have assumed office.
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32 **SEC. 7. *Creation and Election of the Sangguniang Kabataan.*** - (a) There shall be in
33 every barangay a sangguniang kabataan to be composed of a chairperson and seven (7) members
34 who shall be elected by the registered voters of the katipunan ng kabataan. The sangguniang
35 kabataan chairperson shall, with the concurrence of the majority of the sangguniang kabataan
36 members, appoint from among the members of the katipunan ng kabataan, a secretary and a
37 treasurer.

(b) A sangguniang kabataan official who, during his or her term of office, shall have passed the age of twenty-four (24) years shall be allowed to serve the remaining portion of the term for which he or she is elected.

SEC. 8. Powers and functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan. - The sangguniang kabataan shall:

a) In consultation and with the concurrence of the katipunan ng kabataan, and within three months from assumption to office, formulate a three (3) year rolling plan which shall be known as the comprehensive barangay youth development plan which shall serve as basis in the preparation of the annual youth investment program. This plan shall be in line with the comprehensive local youth development plan to be formulated by the council, the comprehensive development plan of the barangay and the province, city and municipality where it belongs and the Philippine Youth Development Plan;

b) Approve the annual budget which is the annual slice of the annual youth investment program before the start of the succeeding fiscal year and, if the Sangguniang Kabataan funds allow, a supplemental budget. Any changes in the annual budget shall be in accordance with existing applicable budget rules and procedures;

c) Promulgate resolutions necessary to carry out the objectives of the youth in the barangay in accordance with the comprehensive barangay Youth Development Plan and the applicable provisions of this act;

d) Initiate and implement, in coordination with the Municipal or City Youth Development Council, any appropriate national government agency and/or any private or non-government institution, programs and projects designed to promote general welfare, development and empowerment of the youth;

e) Hold fund-raising activities which are in line with the comprehensive Barangay Youth Development Plan, the proceeds of which shall be tax-exempt and shall accrue to the general fund of the sangguniang kabataan: Provided, however, that in the appropriation thereof, the specific purpose for which such activity has been held shall be first satisfied: Provided further, that any appropriations thereof shall be in accordance with existing applicable budget, accounting and auditing rules and regulations;

f) Create regular and special committees and such other bodies whose chairpersons and members of which shall come from among the members of the sangguniang kabataan or from among the members of the katipunan ng kabataan, as it may deem necessary to effectively carry out its programs and activities;

g) Submit the annual and end-of-term program accomplishments and financial reports to the sangguniang barangay and present the same during the katipunan ng kabataan assembly, copy furnished the Office of the Local Government Operations Officer and the

1 Municipal or City Youth Development Council, all in accordance with the prescribed form by
2 the DILG and the Commission;

3 h) Assist in the establishment and registration of youth and youth-serving
4 organizations who may qualify for membership and representation in the Council;

5 i) Adopt and implement a policy on full public disclosure of all its transactions and
6 documents involving public interest; and,

7 j) Exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be
8 prescribed by law or ordinance, or delegated by the sangguniang barangay or the Commission.

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10 **SEC. 9. Meetings of the Sangguniang Kabataan.** - (a) The sangguniang kabataan shall
11 meet regularly once a month on the date, time and place to be fixed by the said sanggunian.
12 Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or any four (4) of its members by giving
13 written notice of the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting, which can be sent either
14 through personal delivery, registered mail, fax or email, to all members, and must be received at
15 least one (1) day in advance. The sangguniang barangay and the Municipal or City Youth
16 Development Council shall be furnished with notices of regular and special meetings and the
17 minutes of the meetings thereafter.

18 (b) A majority of the members including the chairperson shall constitute quorum.

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20 **SEC. 10. Qualifications.** - (a) An elective official of the sangguniang kabataan must be a
21 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the barangay for at least one (1) year immediately
22 preceding the day of the election, a member of the katipunan ng kabataan of the barangay which
23 he or she seeks to be elected, at least eighteen (18) but not more than twenty-four (24) years of
24 age on the day of the election, able to read and write, must not have been convicted by final
25 judgement of any crime involving moral turpitude, and must not be related to any incumbent
26 elected national, local or barangay official within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or
27 affinity.

28 (b) An appointive official of the sangguniang kabataan must be a citizen of the
29 Philippines, a resident of the barangay for at least six (6) months, a member of the katipunan ng
30 kabataan who is at least eighteen (18) but not more than twenty-four (24) years of age at the time
31 of appointment, able to read and write, and must not have been convicted by final judgement of
32 any crime involving moral turpitude and must not be related to the appointing authority within
33 the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity.

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35 **SEC. 11. Term of Office.** - (a) The chairperson and members of the sangguniang
36 kabataan shall hold office for a fixed term of three (3) years unless sooner removed for cause,
37 permanently incapacitated, die or resign from office.

(b) The sangguniang kabataan secretary and treasurer shall be co-terminus with the appointing authority unless sooner removed for cause, found to have failed from the discharge of his or her duties, or has committed abuse of authority as stipulated in existing laws pertaining to the conduct of public officials, through a majority vote of all the members of the katipunan ng kabataan in a regular or special assembly called for the purpose.

SEC.12. Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson. - The chairperson of the sangguniang kabataan shall automatically serve as an ex-officio member of the sangguniang barangay upon assumption to office. As such, he or she shall exercise the same powers, discharge the same duties and functions, and enjoy the same privileges as the regular sangguniang barangay members; and shall be the chairperson of the committee on youth and sports development. He or she shall be entitled to a pro-rata honoraria for every session of the sangguniang barangay he or she has attended.

SEC. 13. Powers and Functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson. - The sangguniang kabataan chairperson shall exercise such powers and discharge such duties as follows:

a) Call and preside over all meetings of the sangguniang kabataan, and vote in case of tie, and assemblies of the katipunan ng kabataan except when one of the agenda to be discussed in such assembly involves the disciplinary action against the sangguniang kabataan chairperson, in which case, the highest ranking sangguniang kabataan member shall preside;

b) Take the lead in the formulation of the comprehensive youth development plan and in the preparation and implementation of the annual youth investment program;

c) Ensure the implementation of policies, programs and projects as contained in the Barangay Annual Youth Investment programs, in coordination with the sangguniang barangay and the Municipal or City Youth Development Council;

d) Sign all required documents and warrants drawn from the sangguniang kabataan funds for all expenditures in the implementation of the Comprehensive Barangay Youth Development Plan and Annual Youth Investment Program;

e) Exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the sangguniang kabataan and the katipunan ng kabataan as well as the official conduct of its members;

f) With the concurrence of the sangguniang kabataan, appoint from among the members of the katipunan ng kabataan a secretary and a treasurer;

g) Coordinate with the sangguniang barangay and other youth organizations within his or her barangay on youth-related programs and projects that they wish to initiate and implement and those programs and projects that the sangguniang kabataan shall implement;

h) Attend all mandatory capability trainings and seminars and impart the salient features of the same to members of the sangguniang kabataan within one (1) month after his or her attendance; and,

i) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 14. Sangguniang Kabataan Secretary. - The sangguniang kabataan secretary shall:

a) Keep all the records of the katipunan ng kabataan, including the list of its qualified members, and of the sangguniang kabataan, youth policies, studies, researches and registry of youth and youth serving organizations in the barangay if any;

b) Prepare and keep all the minutes of all assemblies of the katipunan ng kabataan and of all the meetings of the sangguniang kabataan;

c) Cause the posting, in the barangay bulletin board and in at least three conspicuous places within the jurisdiction of the barangay, and if possible including the use of traditional and non-traditional media, and make available for any person with legal purpose, all resolutions approved by the sangguniang kabataan, the annual and end-of-term reports of the programs and projects implemented by the sangguniang kabataan, the Comprehensive Barangay Youth Development Plan and Annual Youth Investment Program and the dissemination of the same to concerned offices, institutions and individuals; and,

d) Perform such other duties and discharge such other functions as the sangguniang kabataan chairperson may prescribe or direct.

SEC. 15. Sangguniang Kabataan Treasurer. - The sangguniang kabataan treasurer shall:

a) Take custody of all sangguniang kabataan property and funds;

b) Collect and receive contributions, monies, materials, and all other resources intended for the sangguniang kabataan and the katipunan ng kabataan;

c) Serve as co-signatory in all withdrawals from the sangguniang kabataan funds and disburse funds in accordance with the approved annual budget and supplemental budget, as the case may be, of the sangguniang kabataan;

d) Certify to the availability of the sangguniang kabataan funds whenever necessary;

e) Submit to the sangguniang kabataan and to the sangguniang barangay certified and detailed statements of actual income and expenditures at the end of every quarter and the posting of the same in the barangay bulletin board and in at least three conspicuous places within the jurisdiction of the barangay, and if possible including the use of traditional and non-traditional media;

f) Render report during the regular katipunan ng kabataan assembly on the financial status of the sangguniang kabataan; and

g) Perform such other duties and discharge such other functions as the sangguniang kabataan chairperson may prescribe or direct.

SEC. 16. Privileges of Sangguniang Kabataan Officials. - (a) All sangguniang kabataan officials in good standing, whether elected or appointed, shall, during their incumbency:

- i. Be exempt from payment of tuition and matriculation fees while enrolled in any public tertiary school including state colleges and universities and those locally funded public educational institutions within or nearest their area of jurisdiction. The National Government shall reimburse said college or university the amount of the tuition and matriculation fees;
- ii. Be exempt from taking the National Service Training Program - Civic Welfare Training Service (NSTP-CWTS) subjects. In lieu thereof, concerned sangguniang kabataan officials shall submit written reports, preferably with photographs, or other documentations of their participation in the implementation of programs, projects and activities as outlined in the comprehensive barangay investment program. Absence of such reports and documentations or a finding to the contrary upon verification of submitted reports, will disqualify the concerned sangguniang kabataan officials from this privilege. The Commission on Higher Education and the Commission shall jointly promulgate the guidelines for the implementation of this provision;
- iii. Be excused from attending their regular classes, if they are currently enrolled in any school, while attending their regular or special sangguniang kabataan meetings, and the sangguniang barangay sessions, in case of the sangguniang kabataan chairperson. A certification of attendance shall be issued by the sangguniang kabataan secretary, attested by the sangguniang kabataan chairperson and duly noted by the punong barangay and shall be submitted to the concerned faculty member and the dean of the educational institution as proof of attendance. In the case of the sangguniang kabataan secretary, the sangguniang kabataan chairperson shall issue the certification duly noted by the punong barangay. In the case of the sangguniang kabataan chairperson, the barangay secretary shall issue the certification of attendance duly noted by the punong barangay. Any person who shall falsely certify as to the attendance of any sangguniang kabataan official shall be criminally and administratively liable;
- iv. Be provided by the National Government with Philippine Health (Philhealth) coverage; and
- v. Be entitled to receive actual travelling reimbursements as may be authorized by law, and subject to the availability of funds; Provided, That, such travel is directly related to the performance of their functions as sangguniang kabataan

officials and is supported by duly approved travel order by the punong barangay, in the case of the sangguniang kabataan chairperson, or by the sangguniang kabataan chairperson in the case of the other sangguniang kabataan officials.

b) The sangguniang kabataan chairperson shall have the same privileges enjoyed by other sangguniang barangay officials under this Code subject to such requirements and limitations provided herein.

SEC. 17. Person in Authority and Agents of Person in Authority. - The sangguniang kabataan chairperson shall be considered a person in authority as defined by law in connection with the actual discharge of his or her official duties and functions. All other sangguniang kabataan officials, whether elected or appointed, shall be considered agents of person in authority as defined by law in connection with the actual discharge of their duties and functions.

SEC.18. Suspension and Removal from Office. - Any elected official of the sangguniang kabataan may, after due process, be suspended for not more than six months or removed from office either by majority vote of all members of the sangguniang bayan or sangguniang panlungsod which has jurisdiction in the barangay of the concerned sangguniang kabataan official, or by majority vote of all the members of the katipunan ng kabataan of which the concerned sangguniang kabataan official is a duly registered member which shall be final and executory, on any of the following grounds:

a) absence from the regular and special meetings of the sangguniang kabataan without valid cause for two (2) consecutive times or, accumulated absences of four (4) within a period of twelve months;

b) Failure to convene the regular assembly of the katipunan ng kabataan for two (2) consecutive times;

c) Failure to convene the regular sangguniang kabataan meetings for three (3) consecutive months in the case of the sangguniang kabataan chairperson;

d) Deliberate failure to formulate the Comprehensive Barangay Youth Development Plan and the Annual Youth Investment Program, or approve the annual budget within the prescribed period of time;

e) Deliberate failure to implement programs and projects outlined in the annual-youth investment program;

f) Four (4) consecutive absences during the regular sangguniang barangay sessions without valid cause in the case of the sangguniang kabataan chairperson;

g) Conviction by final judgement of a crime involving moral turpitude; and violation of existing laws against graft and corruption and other civil service laws, rules and regulations;

and,

1 h) Failure in the discharge of his or her duty or has committed abuse of authority and
2 other grounds analogous to the foregoing.

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4 **Section 19. Succession and Filling up of Vacancies.** – (a) In case a sangguniang
5 kabataan chairperson refuses to assume office, fails to qualify, voluntarily resigns, dies, is
6 permanently incapacitated, is removed from office, the sangguniang kabataan member who
7 obtained the highest number of votes in the election immediately preceding shall assume the
8 office of the chairperson for the unexpired portion of his or her term. In case said member
9 refuses to assume the position or fails to qualify, the sangguniang kabataan member obtaining
10 the next highest number of votes shall assume the position of the chairperson for the unexpired
11 portion of the term.

12 b) After the vacancy shall have been filled, the sangguniang kabataan chairperson
13 shall, within thirty (30) days, call for a special katipunan ng kabataan assembly to elect a
14 sangguniang kabataan member to complete the membership of said sanggunian: Provided, that,
15 such special assembly is coordinated with the Office of the Local Government Operations
16 Officer and the Commission on Elections of the municipality or city where the concerned
17 barangay belongs. Such sangguniang kabataan member shall hold office for the unexpired
18 portion of the term of the vacant seat. For this purpose, a katipunan ng kabataan member who
19 has reached the age of 25 years old at the time of the special election may be allowed to vote but
20 shall not be eligible to be elected. Any citizen of the Philippines residing in the said barangay for
21 at least six (6) months who attains the age of fifteen (15) years old at the time of the special
22 election and who registers as member of the katipunan ng kabataan before the sangguniang
23 kabataan secretary shall be entitled to vote in the said special election.

24 c) All other vacancies in the office of the sangguniang kabataan shall be filled in
25 accordance with the immediately preceding provision.

26 d) In case of suspension of the sangguniang kabataan chairperson, the successor, as
27 determined in subsection (a) of this Section, shall assume the position during the period of such
28 suspension.

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30 **Section 20. Sangguniang Kabataan Funds.** - The Sangguniang Kabataan Funds shall be
31 governed by the following provisions:

32 a) All the income of the barangay derived from whatever source shall accrue to its
33 general fund and shall, at the option of the barangay concerned, be kept as trust fund in the
34 custody of the city or municipal treasurer or be deposited in a bank, preferably government-
35 owned, situated in or nearest to its area of jurisdiction. Such funds shall be disbursed in
36 accordance with the provisions of this act. Ten percent (10%) of the general fund of the barangay
37 shall be set aside for the sangguniang kabataan. The sangguniang barangay shall appropriate the

1 sangguniang kabataan funds in lump sum which shall be disbursed solely for youth development
2 and empowerment purposes.

3 b) The sangguniang kabataan shall have fiscal autonomy in its operations,
4 disbursements and encashment of their fund income and expenditures. As such, the sangguniang
5 kabataan funds shall be deposited in the name of the sangguniang kabataan of the concerned
6 barangay in a government-owned bank situated in or nearest to its area of jurisdiction with the
7 sangguniang kabataan chairperson and the sangguniang kabataan treasurer as the official
8 signatories.

9 c) One percent (1%) of the sangguniang kabataan funds shall be allocated for, and
10 remitted within the first quarter of the succeeding fiscal year, to the Municipal or City Youth
11 Development Council. However, in case of highly urbanized cities and independent component
12 cities, two percent (2%) shall be allocated and remitted on the same manner. If a barangay falls
13 within the territorial jurisdiction of a province, another one percent (1%) shall be allocated to,
14 and remitted in similar manner, to the Provincial Youth Development Council.

15 d) All sangguniang kabataan funds shall be allocated in an annual budget, and if the
16 funds allow, in a supplemental budget in accordance with the adopted Comprehensive Barangay
17 Investment Program. Both the Comprehensive Youth and Investment Program and the
18 Comprehensive Barangay Program shall give priority to programs, projects and activities that
19 will promote and ensure the meaningful youth participation in nation-building, sustainable youth
20 development and empowerment, equitable access to quality education, environmental protection,
21 climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resiliency, youth employment and
22 livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, gender sensitivity, capability building and sports
23 development.

24 e) The sangguniang bayan or sangguniang panlungsod shall, within sixty days upon
25 receipt hereof, review the annual budget and supplemental budget of the sangguniang kabataan
26 on their compliance in the immediately preceding provision and other existing laws, rules and
27 regulations. Non-compliance shall render said budgets inoperative either in whole or in part.
28 Failure on the part of the sanggunian to complete the review within the prescribed period shall
29 render the said annual budget deemed approved.

30 f) All sangguniang kabataan funds derived from any source shall be stated in its
31 financial records which shall be kept by the sanggumang kabataan treasurer, copy furnished to
32 the sangguniang barangay, and the local youth development council, in simplified manner as
33 may be prescribed by the commission on audit. All sangguniang kabataan funds shall be subject
34 to all existing accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

CHAPTER III
THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS

Section 21. *Creation.* - To ensure wide and multi-sectoral youth participation in local governance, there shall be in every province, city and municipality a local youth development council which shall be called Provincial Youth Development Council, City Youth Development Council and Municipal Youth Development Council, respectively.

Section 22. *Composition of the Council.* - (a) the Council shall be composed of not more than two (2) official representatives of the following classifications of duly organized and/or accredited youth and youth-serving organizations who are at least fifteen (15) but not more than twenty-four (24) years of age:

- (i) The sangguniang kabataan;
- (ii) Student councils or sangguniang mag-aaral of public and private secondary schools;
- (iii) Student councils of public and private tertiary schools;
- (iv) Out of school youth organizations;
- (v) Working youth, young entrepreneurs and young professional organizations;
- (vi) Youth with specific needs organizations;
- (vii) Community-based youth organizations;
- (viii) Faith-based youth organizations; and,
- (ix) Ideology-based youth organizations

(b) Representation in the Council. The representatives to the Council as mentioned in paragraph (a) hereof shall be as follows:

- (i) The duly elected official representatives of the pambayan, panlungsod and panlalawigang pederasyon of the sangguniang kabataan, respectively;
- (ii) The president of the duly organized and school-accredited sangguniang mag-aaral or student council of any public or private secondary school within the municipality or city or province respectively;
- (iii) The president of the duly organized and school-accredited student council of any public or private tertiary school, if there is any, within the municipality or city. In case the president is not a resident of the municipality or province, the highest ranking student council officer who is a resident of the municipality, city or province shall be its representative to the council; and
- (iv) The duly-elected presidents of the registered and accredited youth and youth-serving organizations in any municipality, city, or province, as classified in Section 22, paragraph (a), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), and (ix), who intend to be members and participate in the Council.

1 **Section 23. *Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan.*** – (a) For the purpose of
2 representation in the Council and to provide an avenue to strengthen the sangguniang kabataan
3 through sharing of best practices and successful experiences, there shall be an organization of the
4 pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan to be known as follows:

5 (i) In municipalities, pambayang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan which
6 shall be composed of the sangguniang kabataan chairpersons of barangay in the
7 municipality;

8 (ii) In cities, the panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan which shall
9 be composed of the sangguniang kabataan chairpersons of barangay in the city;
10 and,

11 (iii) In provinces, panlalawigang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan which shall
12 be composed of the convenors of the pambayan at panlungsod na pederasyon ng
13 mga sangguniang kabataan.
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15 (b) The pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan shall, at all levels, elect from
16 among themselves two (2) official representatives to the Council and such other officers as they
17 may deem necessary. The representative who gets the higher number of votes shall automatically
18 become the convenor of the pederasyon, and as such, shall preside over all its meetings. The
19 representatives to the Council shall serve for a term of one (1) year which shall commence on the
20 day of their assumption as representatives to the Council, and may be elected for another term of
21 one (1) year. The concerned Local Government Operations Officer in coordination with the
22 election officer shall facilitate the conduct of the elections which shall be held within fifteen (15)
23 days from the sangguniang kabataan elections in case of the pambayan and panlungsod na
24 pederasyon, and within thirty (30) days in case of the panlalawigang pederasyon.

25 (c) The manner of election, suspension and removal of the officers of the pederasyon
26 at all levels including the representatives to the Council and the term of office of the other
27 officers of the pederasyon shall be governed by the guidelines to be jointly issued by the
28 Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Comelec and the Commission within
29 sixty (60) days upon the effectivity of this Act.
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31 **Section 24. *Organization, Accreditation, Registration of Youth and Youth-serving***
32 ***organizations and Selection of Council Representatives.*** – (a) Youth and youth-serving
33 organizations as classified in section 22 hereof shall register and be granted accreditation by the
34 Provincial Youth Development Office (PYDO), as herein after created, in their respective
35 territorial jurisdiction. However, those from the metropolitan manila area, highly urbanized
36 cities, independent cities, and independent component cities, shall register with their respective
37 City Youth Development Office (CYDO) or Municipal Youth Development Office (MYDO).

(b) A youth or youth serving-organization shall have an actual active membership in good standing of at least twenty-five (25) who are at least fifteen (15) but not more than twenty four (24) years old at the time of its registration with the PYDO, CYDO, MYDO, residents of the province, city, or municipality, as the case may be where the organization intends to participate in the council representation and has written constitution and by-laws, clearly stated vision, mission and programs for the youth.

(c) To give equal opportunity for the youth, from the time of the enactment of this Act and up to the deadline for registration by the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), non-organized youth groups may formally organize themselves and register in accordance with Section 24 (a).

(d) The PYDO, CYDO, MYDO, in coordination with the concerned CYDO or MYDO.

(e) The registration and accreditation of these organizations shall be conducted by the PYDO or by the CYDO or MYDO, in case of metropolitan manila area, highly urbanized area, independent cities and independent component cities every three years. However, upon determination of the need, they may conduct a continuing registration procedure taking into consideration the budgetary and manpower requirements and presence of youth and youth-serving organizations.

(f) Registered and accredited youth and youth-serving organizations shall renew their registration and accreditation every three (3) years to qualify them to vie for representative seat in the Council.

(g) In the event that in any municipality or city, there are more than two (2) accredited student councils in the secondary and tertiary levels, or there are more than two (2) youth or youth-serving organizations in any classification as provided in Section 22 (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j), the Local Government Operations Officer of the concerned municipality or city in coordination with the youth affairs provincial officer shall assemble them in a public venue, on the day set in the calendar of activities promulgated to implement this Act and every year thereafter, and by consensus or secret balloting choose from among themselves the two (2) who will represent their respective classifications at the Municipal or City Youth Development Council.

(h) The Provincial Local Government Operations Officer, with the assistance of the youth affairs provincial officer, shall convene all members of the Municipal and City Youth Development Councils within the province and shall, except for the representatives of the panlalawigang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan, choose a maximum of two (2) representatives each respective classification who shall serve as members of the Provincial Youth Development Council.

(i) The Commission and the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall jointly issue a clearly defined, accessible and stakeholder-friendly registration and accreditation

1 procedure including an internet-based registration process within thirty (30) days upon the
2 effectivity of this Act.

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4 **Section 25. Duties and Functions of the Council.** – The Council shall perform the
5 following duties and functions:

6 (a) Serve as the core of the advocacy on youth participation in nation-building and
7 youth empowerment;

8 (b) With the assistance of the perspective local government unit, conduct a study and
9 maintain data on the situation of the youth in its locality;

10 (c) Formulate the Local Comprehensive Youth Development Plan and the Local
11 Annual Youth Investment Program anchored on the Philippine Youth Development Plan and the
12 local development plans of the local government unit concerned which shall give priority to
13 programs, projects, and activities that will promote and ensure the meaningful youth
14 participation in nation-building, sustainable youth development and empowerment, equitable
15 access to quality education, environmental protection, climate change adaptation, disaster risk
16 reduction and resiliency, youth employment and livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, gender
17 sensitivity, capability building and sports development.

18 (d) Prioritize programs, projects and activities that will be included in the Annual
19 Youth Investment Program which shall be recommended to the local chief executive and the
20 local sanggunian for inclusion in the Annual Investment Program of the local government
21 concerned and funded in the budget of the local government unit concerned;

22 (e) Establish enabling mechanisms which shall provide a forum for youth
23 consultations and feedback gathering systems;

24 (f) Consolidate and recommend to the local sanggunian, through the youth sector
25 representative, youth development policies needing local legislations;

26 (g) Assist the National Government Agencies and the local government unit in the
27 promotion and implementation of youth development programs and projects;

28 (h) Conduct fund raising activities, proceeds of which shall be tax-exempt and
29 receive contributions, donations, grants and aids from government and private institutions for the
30 implementation of priority programs and projects for the youth in its jurisdiction;

31 (i) Approve the Council annual budget and authorize the disbursement of the Council
32 funds;

33 (j) Review within sixty (60) days upon receipt the Comprehensive Barangay Youth
34 Development Plan and the Annual Youth Investment Program, in the case of the Municipal and
35 City Youth Development Councils, to determine if they are aligned with the Municipal or City
36 Youth Comprehensive Youth Development Plan. Their recommendations shall be forwarded to
37 the concerned sangguniang kabataan for its appropriate action. During the pendency of the
38 review, the sangguninag kabataan concerned may implement programs, projects and activities

1 unless advised otherwise. Failure on the part of the Municipal or City Youth Development
2 Council to complete the review within the prescribed period shall render the said Plans and
3 Investment Programs including the fund allocations deemed approved.

4 (k) Monitor the implementation of youth development programs and projects of the
5 sangguniang kabataan in its jurisdiction including the manner of using its funds;

6 (l) Provide support to youth and youth-serving organizations in its jurisdiction;

7 (m) Endorse youth and youth serving organizations for the accreditation of the local
8 sanggunian for purposes of representation in the local development council and other local
9 special bodies;

10 (n) Adopt and implement a policy on full public disclosure of all its transactions and
11 documents involving public interest;

12 (o) Prepare and submit annual program accomplishments and financial reports to the
13 local chief executive, the local sanggunian, the concerned DILG field office, the Commission
14 and the Provincial Youth Development Council, in the case of the Municipal and City Youth
15 Development Councils in its jurisdiction; and,

16 (p) Discharge such other duties and perform such other functions as may be delegated
17 or necessary.

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19 **Section 26. Meetings and Quorum.** – (a) The Council shall meet at least once every
20 three (3) months. However, the Council chairperson or at least one-third of the total membership
21 of the Council may call for a special meeting by giving a written notice, which can be sent either
22 through personal delivery, registered mail, fax or email, or any other available means of delivery,
23 to all members of the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting which must be received at least
24 two (2) days in advance.

25 (b) The presence of the majority of all members of the Council shall constitute
26 quorum.

27 (c) The duly elected officers of the Council shall constitute the Council Executive
28 Committee and shall meet at least once a month, or upon the call of the Council chairperson to
29 discuss urgent matters and update on the status of implementation of the youth development
30 programs and projects.

31
32 **Section 27. Privileges of the members of the Council.** – (a) All members of the Council
33 in good standing shall, during their incumbency:

34 (i) Be exempt from payment of tuition and matriculation fees while enrolled in any
35 public secondary, tertiary school including state colleges and universities and
36 those locally funded public educational institutions within or nearest its area of
37 jurisdiction. The National Government shall reimburse said educational institution
38 the amount of the tuition and matriculation fees.

- 1 (ii) Be exempt from attending the National Service Training Program – Civic Welfare
2 Training Service (NSTP-CWTS) subjects should the same coincide with their
3 regular or special Council meetings or during the implementation of Council
4 programs, projects and activities. In lieu thereof, concerned Council member shall
5 submit written reports, preferably with photographs, or other documentations of
6 their participation in the implementation of programs, projects and activities as
7 outlined in the Annual Youth Investment Program. Absence of such reports or
8 documentations, or a finding to the contrary upon verification of submitted
9 reports, shall disqualify the concerned Council member from this privilege. The
10 Commission on Higher Education and the Commission shall jointly promulgate
11 the guidelines for the implementation of this provision;
- 12 (iii) Be provided by the National Government with Philhealth coverage; and,
13 (iv) Be entitled to receive actual travelling reimbursements as may be authorized by
14 law, and subject to the availability of funds, during their attendance on the
15 meetings of the Council.
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17 (b) The youth sector representative to the local sanggunian who is currently enrolled
18 in any academic institution is excused from attending his or her regular classes while in
19 attendance during the regular or special sanggunian sessions. A certification of attendance shall
20 be issued by the secretary to the sanggunian attested by the presiding officer and shall be
21 submitted to the concerned faculty member and the dean of the educational institution as proof of
22 his or her attendance. Any person who shall falsely certify as to the attendance of the youth
23 sector representative shall be criminally and administratively liable.

24

25 **Section 28. Term of Office of the Council Members.** – Except for the representatives of
26 the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan, the term of office of all the members of the
27 Council shall be co-terminus with their term of office as president of their respective
28 organizations, but in no case shall be more than two (2) consecutive years.

29

30 **Section 29. Membership in the Sanggunian and Local Special Bodies.** – (a) Within one
31 (1) month from the conduct of the sangguniang kabataan election, and every year thereafter, in
32 the case of the municipality and city, and within forty-five (45) days in the case of province, the
33 Local Government Operations Officer of the concerned local government unit shall convene all
34 the members of the Council in a public, neutral and secured venue. Once convened, the venue
35 shall be closed to the public. Except for the Council members, the election committee and the
36 representative of the Commission, if there is any, no other person is allowed to be present in the
37 venue. The Local Government Operations Officer shall first give a detailed orientation on the
38 provisions of this Act, then give the members reasonable time to discuss and articulate on the

1 matters relating to this Act and to the youth in general and the opportunity to introduce
2 themselves, their advocacies, vision and how they can contribute in nation building and youth
3 empowerment.

4 (b) The Election Committee, which shall be composed of the Local Government
5 Operations Officer as chairperson and the Election Officer and the secretary to the local
6 sanggunian of the concerned local government unit as members, shall then conduct the election
7 of officers of the Council. The Council members shall elect from among themselves a president,
8 a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer and such other officers as they may deem necessary.
9 The Election Committee shall proclaim the winning officers of the Council by virtue of the
10 number of votes they have garnered.

11 (c) The duly proclaimed chairperson of the Municipal Youth Development Council,
12 the City Youth Development Council and the Provincial Youth Development Council shall serve
13 as ex-officio member of the sangguniang bayan, sangguniang panlungsod and sangguniang
14 panlalawigan, respectively, without need of further appointment or concurrence. He or she shall
15 exercise the same powers, discharge the same duties and functions, and enjoy the same privileges
16 as the regular members. However, he or she cannot employ in his or her public office any
17 relative within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity.

18 (d) He or she shall be the chairperson of the committee on youth and sports
19 development in the said sanggunian, and a regular member of the committees on education,
20 environment, employment and livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, and gender and
21 development.

22 (e) He or she shall serve as ex-officio member of local school board, local council for
23 the protection of children, local development council, local health board, local tourism council,
24 and local peace and order council.

25 (f) His or her entitlement to representation and transportation allowances and
26 monthly salary shall be pro-rated for every session of the sanggunian he or she has attended.

27 (g) A youth sector representative to the sanggunian who, during his or her term of
28 office, shall have passed the age of twenty-four (24) years shall be allowed to serve the
29 remaining portion of the term for which he or she is elected.

30
31 **Section 30. *Qualifications of Officers.*** – An officer of the Council must be a citizen of
32 the Philippines, a resident of the local government unit concerned for at least one (1) year, a
33 member of any youth or youth-serving organization as classified in Section 22 hereof, at least
34 eighteen (18) but not more than twenty-four (24) years of age on the day of the Council election,
35 able to read and write, must not have been convicted by final judgment of any crime involving
36 moral turpitude, and must not be related to any incumbent elected national, local or barangay
37 official within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity.

1 **Section 31. *Term of Office of the Council Officers.*** – Duly elected officers of the
2 Council shall serve for one (1) year. However, they can be re-elected for another term of one (1)
3 year. No chairperson of the Council shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms.
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5 **Section 32. *Powers, Duties, and Functions of the Council Chairperson.*** – Other than
6 serving as ex-officio member of the sanggunian, the Chairperson of the Council shall exercise
7 the powers, discharge the duties, and perform the functions, as follows:

- 8 (a) Preside over all the meetings of the Council and its officers;
9 (b) Initiate the formulation of the Local Comprehensive Youth Development Plan and the
10 Annual youth Investment Program, ensure its integration in the annual investment
11 program of the local government unit concerned and facilitate the corresponding
12 allocation funds from the annual and/ or supplemental budget of the concerned local
13 government unit;
14 (c) Implement policies, programs and projects as incorporated in the Annual Youth
15 Investment Program together with the members of the Council and in coordination
16 with the concerned national government agencies, local government offices, and
17 private institutions;
18 (d) Exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the Council and the
19 official conduct of its members; and
20 (e) Exercise other powers, discharge other duties and perform other functions as may be
21 prescribed by law or ordinance, or as the Council may delegate.
22

23 **Section 33. *Duties and Functions of the Council Vice Chairperson.*** – In case of
24 permanent vacancy in the office of the Council chairperson which includes the situation when his
25 or her term of office as president of the youth or youth-serving organization he or she represents
26 is completed ahead of his or her term as Council Chairperson, the vice chairperson shall assume
27 the office for the unexpired portion of the term. As such, he or she shall exercise the powers,
28 discharge the duties and perform the functions of the office of the chairperson without need of
29 further appointment or concurrence. However, in case of temporary vacancy in the office of the
30 chairperson which in no case shall be more than one (1) month, the vice chairperson shall
31 temporarily assume the office and exercise the powers, discharge the duties and perform the
32 functions of the chairperson except representation in the local sanggunian. Provided, that, in case
33 the Council is meted a penalty of suspension either as ex-officio member of the sanggunian or as
34 Council chairperson, the vice chairperson shall assume the office and exercise the powers,
35 discharge the duties and perform the functions of the president including representation in the
36 local sanggunian during the period of suspension.
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1 **Section 34. Duties and Functions of the Council Secretary.** – The Council secretary
2 shall:

- 3 (a) Prepare and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Council and its officers;
- 4 (b) Keep all the records of the Council;
- 5 (c) Send notices of regular and special meetings of the Council and its officers;
- 6 (d) Cause the posting in the local government unit's bulletin boards and in at least three
7 (3) other conspicuous public places, and if possible including the use of other
8 traditional and non-traditional media, and make available for any persons with legal
9 purpose all plans, resolutions, and official acts of the Council including its annual
10 accomplishment reports; and,
- 11 (e) Discharge such other duties and perform such other functions as the chairperson and
12 the Council may prescribe or direct.

13
14 **Section 35. Duties and Functions of the Council Treasurer.** – The Council Treasurer
15 shall:

- 16 (a) Take custody of all Council properties and funds;
- 17 (b) Receive, and issue the corresponding receipt or acknowledgment, contributions,
18 donations, grants and aids, whether in cash or in kind, from government and private
19 sources intended for the Council;
- 20 (c) Disburse funds in accordance with the duly approved annual budget of the Council;
- 21 (d) Certify to the availability of funds whenever necessary;
- 22 (e) Submit to the Council certified and detailed statements of actual income and
23 expenditures at the end of every quarter;
- 24 (f) Cause the posting in the local government unit's bulletin boards and in at least three
25 (3) other conspicuous public places the quarterly and end-of-the-year financial reports
26 on the income and expenditures of the Council; and,
- 27 (g) Discharge such other duties and perform such other functions as the chairperson and
28 the Council may prescribe and direct.

29
30 **Section 36. Council Funds.** – (a) All funds which shall be received by the Council from
31 any source and the proceeds from any fund raising activity shall be considered public funds, and
32 as such, shall be deposited in the name of the Council in a government-owned bank situated in or
33 nearest to its area of jurisdiction with the Council president and treasurer as the official
34 signatories.

35 (b) The Provincial Youth Development Council, in case the municipality or city falls
36 within its jurisdiction, or the Commission in case of a highly urbanized city and a province, shall
37 review, within sixty (60) days from receipt hereof, the Comprehensive Youth Development Plan
38 and the Annual Youth Investment Program of the Council to determine if they are aligned with

1 the Provincial Youth Comprehensive Youth Development Plan and/ or the Philippine Youth
2 Development Plan. Their recommendations shall be forwarded to the concerned Council for its
3 appropriate action. During the pendency of the review, the Council concerned may implement
4 programs, projects and activities unless advised otherwise.

5 Failure on the part of the Provincial Youth Development Council or the Commission to
6 complete the review within the prescribed period shall render the said Plans and Investment
7 Programs including the fund allocations deemed approved.

8
9 **Section 37. *Supplemental Guidelines.*** – The manner of election, removal and suspension
10 of the officers, succession and filling up of vacancies, and functions of other officers of the
11 Council not herein provided shall be governed by the guidelines to be jointly issued by the
12 Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Commission within sixty (60) days
13 upon the effectivity of this Act. Provided, that, the chairperson of the Council who is suspended
14 or removed from his or her position in accordance with these joint guidelines shall also be
15 deemed suspended or removed in the local sanggunian where he or she sits as an ex-officio
16 member. On the same manner, the chairperson of the Council when suspended or removed as ex-
17 officio member of the local sanggunian on the grounds and manner provided for in Republic Act
18 No. 7160, shall be deemed suspended or removed as Chairperson of the Council.

19 20 **CHAPTER IV** 21 **THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE** 22

23 **Section 38. *Creation.*** – There shall be in every province, city and municipality a youth
24 development office which shall be headed by a youth development officer with the rank of at
25 least division chief. Such may be put under the office of the local chief executive, the office of
26 the planning and development, the office of the social welfare or in any other office deemed
27 appropriate by the local government unit. If the funds of the local government unit are sufficient,
28 it can be a separate department with divisions and units for policy and planning, administration
29 and finance, and programs and operations. In the event when the local government unit has
30 exceeded the prescribed personal services limitations, the local chief executive may designate
31 existing personnel whom he or she deems fit to serve this purpose until such time that the local
32 government unit can already create this office.

33
34 **Section 39. *Qualifications and Term of Office of the Youth Development Officer and***
35 ***other Personnel.*** – (a) The youth development officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a
36 resident of the local government unit concerned for at least one year prior to his or her
37 appointment, at least twenty one (21) but not more than thirty (30) years of age on the time of his
38 or her appointment, a holder of 2nd level of eligibility, and of good moral character. He or she

1 must have acquired experience in youth development affairs or involvement in youth or youth-
2 serving organization for at least three (3) years. He or she shall be appointed by the local chief
3 executive upon endorsement of any accredited youth or youth-serving organization and shall be
4 co-terminus with the appointing authority, but in no case is within the fourth (4th) civil degree of
5 consanguinity or affinity of the appointing authority.

6 (b) The other personnel of the local youth development office shall appointed by the local
7 chief executive in whatever status of appointment it may deem appropriate, subject to availability
8 of funds and in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.

9
10 **Section 40. Functions** – The local youth development office shall have the following
11 functions:

12 (a) In accordance with Section 24 hereof, register and accredited youth and youth-serving
13 organizations.

14 (b) Serve as secretariat of the Council and as such, shall provide the necessary
15 administrative, operational, staff and technical support to the Council;

16 (c) Assist the Council in the discharge of its duties and performance of its functions;

17 (d) Facilitate the disbursement of funds allocated in the annual or supplemental budget of
18 the local government unit for the implementation of programs and projects of the Council as
19 outlined in the Annual Investment Program of the local government unit;

20 (e) Assist in the conduct of capability building activities for the Council and other youth
21 and youth serving-organizations as well as the sangguniang kabataan; and

22 (f) Perform such other functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance, or as the
23 Council may require.

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25 **Section 41. Funding.** - The local government unit shall incorporate its annual budget
26 such amount as may be necessary for the operation and effective functioning of the Local Youth
27 Development Office.

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29 **CHAPTER V**
30 **CAPABILITY BUILDING AND REORIENTATION TOWARDS NATION BUILDING**
31 **AND EMPOWERMENT**
32

33 **Section 42. Mandatory and Continuing Training Programs.** – For the purpose of
34 emphasizing the role of the youth in nation-building and molding them to become better citizens
35 with the values of patriotism, nationalism and honor as a Filipino any sangguniang kabataan
36 official, whether elected or appointed, or any member of the Council must undergo the
37 mandatory training programs before he or she can assume office.

1 During the incumbency, they must attend the continuing training programs to be
2 undertaken by the Commission in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local
3 Government. Deliberate failure to attend the said training programs shall constitute sufficient
4 ground to disqualify said sangguniang kabataan official or Council member or subject them to
5 disciplinary action.

6
7 **Section 43. - Mandatory Training Programs.** – The Commission and the Department of
8 the Interior and Local Government with the assistance of the Development Academy of the
9 Philippines, the Local Government Academy, the University of the Philippines – National
10 College of Public Administration and Governance, and in consultation with youth stake holders
11 shall jointly design and implement the mandatory and continuing training programs. The
12 mandatory training program must include among others, the following components: (a) 1. The
13 Philippine cultural history, political systems, ethics, and ideologies 2. The Filipino as a nation
14 builder 3. The Filipino youth and its role in nation building; and (b) capability building on
15 leadership, program and project development and sustainability, financial management, and
16 accountability and transparency.

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18 **Section 44. Training Fund** – A training fund with an initial amount of fifty million pesos
19 (P50,000,000.00) is hereby established and appropriated from any available source to be
20 managed jointly by the Commission and the Department of Interior and Local Government.
21 Thereafter, such amount needed for this purpose shall be included in the Annual General
22 Appropriations Act.

23 24 CHAPTER VI 25 LINGGO NG KABATAAN 26

27 **Section 45. Observance of Linggo ng Kabataan.** – (a) Every barangay, municipality, city
28 and province shall conduct an annual activity to be known as the Linggo ng Kabataan on the
29 week where the 12th of August falls to coincide with the International Youth Day. The
30 sangguniang kabataan, in the case of barangay, and the respective Council in cooperation with
31 the pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, in the case of the municipality, city and
32 province, shall take the lead in this observance.

33 (b) The observance of the Linggo ng Kabataan shall include the election of the
34 counterparts of all local elective and appointive officials, as well as heads of national offices or
35 agencies stationed or assigned in the territorial jurisdiction of the local government unit, among
36 in-school and community youth residing in the local government concerned from ages thirteen
37 (13) to seventeen (17). During said week, they shall hold office as boy and girl officials and shall

1 perform such duties and conduct such activities as may be provided in the ordinance enacted
2 pursuant to this Chapter.

3 4 5 CHAPTER VII

6 REGISTRATION, ELECTION AND ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE 7

8 **Section 46. *Registration.*** – (a) For purpose of the next regular sangguniang kabataan
9 election under this Act the Commission on Elections shall set a special registration of the
10 katipunan ng kabataan which shall in no case be less than one (1) month and shall include
11 Saturdays and Sundays. Subsequent registration of the katipunan ng kabataan shall be governed
12 by Republic Act No. 8189 including the system of continuing registration.
13

14 (b) For the purpose of the establishment of Council under this Act, the Commission shall
15 fix the period during which youth and youth-serving organizations may register with the
16 Commission. Further, the Commission and the Department of Interior and Local Government
17 shall device mechanisms to reach out to all municipalities and cities and encourage existing
18 youth and yout-serving organizations to register, and those youth groups which are not yet
19 organized to formally organize themselves and register with the Commission.
20

21 **Section 47. *Date of Election.*** – Sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the first
22 Saturday of May 2015 and every three (3) years thereafter.
23

24 **Section 48. *Assumption of Office.*** – (a) The term of office of the sangguniang kabataan
25 officials elected in the May 2015 election and subsequent elections shall commence at noon of
26 June 30 following their election.

27 (b) The term of office of the members of the Council as established under this Act shall
28 commence at noon of 30th of June 2015. The term of office of the youth sector representatives to
29 the local sanggunian as provided for in this Act shall commence at noon of 30th of June 2015.
30 Their duly elected and qualified successors shall assume office at noon of June 30 every year
31 thereafter.
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33 CHAPTER VIII

34 FINAL PROVISIONS 35

36 **Section 49. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to implement the provisions of the
37 Act including the funding requirement for the appointment of the provincial youth coordinator
38 shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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2 **Section 50. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Department of the Interior and
3 Local Government, National Youth Commission, Commission on Elections, Department of
4 Budget and Management, Commission on Higher and Technical Education, and the Commission
5 on Audit, in consultation with the local government leagues, and various youth serving
6 organizations shall be tasked to come up, within sixty (60) days upon approval of this Act, with
7 the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) needed for the implementation of this Act.
8

9 **Section 51. *Separability Clause.*** - If for any reason or reasons, any part of provision of
10 this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts and provisions not affected
11 thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
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13 **Section 52. *Repealing Clause.*** - Sections 329, 423-439 R.A. No. 7160 also known as
14 “The Local Government Code of 1991”, Section 10 of R.A No. 8044 otherwise known as “Youth
15 In Nation-Building Act”, Section 1 & 2 of R.A 9340 entitled “An Act Amending Republic Act
16 9164, resetting the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections and for other purposes,” and
17 all other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules and regulations
18 or portions thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
19 accordingly.
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21 **Section 53. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the
22 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,