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HOUSE BILL NO. **5920**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution enunciates 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 include in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."

In accordance with this mandate, this bill seeks to establish a Congressional District skills and vocational training center for out-of-school youth in the Lone District of Bacolod City. This training center is expected not only to generate goods and services for the benefit of the City but also to provide vocational education to its less fortunate youth.

The training shall be focused on imparting skills which include handicraft, furniture making, woodcarving, ornamental products, and agri-business activities such as poultry, hog, and cattle raising. Most of the products generated by the center shall be designed for export or as semi-finished products to be used by industrial manufacturers.

The center will aid in solving the problem of unemployment originating from the ranks of the uneducated and poverty-stricken youth. Generally, it shall be a source of increased domestic production and export promotion.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT SKILLS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL
YOUTH IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF BACOLOD AND PROVIDING FUNDING THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. A District Skills and Vocational Training Center for Out-of-School Youth shall be established in the Lone District of Bacolod.

SEC. 2. The Center shall be established under the joint supervision of the Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

SEC. 3. The Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Social Welfare and Development shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. The funding necessary for the full implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

Approved,