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EXPLANATORY NOTE

After so many long years, this is the first time when the efforts of the citizens and public officials of Occidental Mindoro and MIMAROPA Region have reached this far, giving hope to the people that finally their dream of having a state-run vocational and technical institution will come true. The province has been lagging behind its Eastern neighbor, the province of Oriental Mindoro, which has long been enjoying the benefits of having its own TESDA training institution. It is high time that the people's petition for an excellent state-run vocational and technical training center be given due consideration. The establishment of TESDA training center in the province will give its out-school-youth and adult the necessary tools of the trade to become productive citizens.

We are therefore earnestly imploring the Honorable members of the Philippines Congress to pass a Bill that would eventually enact a law establishing a TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro. The people of Occidental Mindoro and the entire MIMAROPA Region will always remember you for being instrumental to the achievement of their long-time dream.


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"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER IN THE MIMAROPA REGION TO BE KNOWN AS THE TESDA MIMAROPA REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER (RTC) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF."

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

Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center Act of 2017."

Section 2. *Establishment.* – There is hereby created a Technical Education and Skills Development Regional Training Center in the MIMAROPA Region under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

Section 3. *General Mandate.* – The TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center (RTC) shall primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills development programs to students from low-income families and out-of-school youths in the MIMAROPA Region. It shall develop the students become productive, self-reliant and globally-competitive middle-level skilled labor force so as to hasten the social and economic development of MIMAROPA Region, as well as meet the needs of local and international labor markets.

The TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center shall also serve as regional competency assessment center for required competencies in technical-vocational skills in the whole MIMAROPA Region. Further, as deemed necessary and practicable, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), it shall render relevant teachers' capability building programs and curriculum design technical assistance to the secondary schools in the Region which are offering technical-vocational and livelihood (TVL) track under the K to 12 Program of the DepEd.

Section 4. Curricular Offerings. – The TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center (RTC) shall address the skills development priorities of the MIMAROPA Region. It shall offer short-term courses in preferred market-driven and relevant technical-vocational courses or qualifications within its areas of specialization in consultation with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Local Government Units (LGUs), the industries and such other relevant agencies, both local and international.

The Regional Training Center may likewise establish research and development centers, technology development farms, mobile training programs, satellite offices throughout the MIMAROPA Region to strengthen linkages between the industry, academe and the technology programs.

Section 5. Regional Training Center Site. The TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center (RTC) shall be established on a site in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro to be donated by a concerned person, which is highly accessible pursuant to the purposes of this Act and to the mutual agreement between TESDA and the concerned Local Government Units.

Section 6. Administration. The TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center shall be headed by a Chief Technical Education and Skills Development Specialist, SG-24 and to be assisted by a Supervising Technical Education and Skills Development Specialist, SG-22 and such other technical and administrative personnel indicated in the regular staffing pattern of a TESDA Regional Training Center under the supervision of the TESDA. The Chief of the TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center and the Supervising TESD Specialist shall be appointed by the TESDA Director General. All other personnel shall be appointed in accordance with TESDA guidelines, the civil service rules and regulations and the qualification requirements of TESDA.

The Chief Technical Education and Skills Development Specialist shall render full-time services and shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center.

Section 7. Staffing Pattern. – TESDA shall adopt the regular staffing pattern of a TESDA Regional Training Center in accordance with existing guidelines of the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission.

Section 8. Appropriations. – An initial amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (Php100,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the construction of the Regional Training Center building procurement of necessary equipments and tools, laboratories and workshops; and salary and compensation of its personnel. Henceforth, the TESDA Director-General shall include in the Authority's program the implementation of the law, the funding of its operations which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act as a separate line item budget under TESDA.

Section 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA, in coordination with the DOLE, the concerned Local Government Units (LGUs), and such other relevant agencies, shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

Section 10. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and shall remain in force and effect.

Section 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All provisions of existing laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations which are contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. *Effectivity.* – This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved:



JULIETA R. CORTUNA