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HOUSE BILL NO. 5508



Introduced by **REP. EDGAR MARY S. SARMIENTO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Technical-Vocational School under the supervision of TESDA in the City of Calbayog, Province of Samar to be known as the Calbayog City Technical-Vocational School.

The 1987 Constitution provides that, "The State shall afford full protection to labor, local and overseas, organized and unorganized, and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all." It also states that, "The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare."

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority was instituted to furnish relevant and accessible technical education and skills for middle-level manpower. These skills which are taught to its clients are vital in increasing their chances of obtaining sustainable work opportunities in a competitive market. Vulnerable groups in society, such as out-of-school youths and low-income families, are trained to be self-reliant and productive. In turn, the labor force will be strengthened through education and training which shall greatly contribute to the improvement of the economy.

The creation of a Technical-Vocational School in Calbayog City will make skills training more accessible to the First District of Samar. Presently, the nearest training center is at least 50 kilometers away from the City of Calbayog. Thus, the institution of the Technical-Vocation School will open avenues for those who are unable to undertake courses offered by TESDA due to the distance of the training centers from their place of residence.

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

EDGAR MARY S. SARMIENTO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento", written over the printed name.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF TESDA IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CALBAYOG CITY TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be It enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress Assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “**Calbayog City Technical-Vocational School Act.**”

SECTION 2. Establishment. – It is hereby created the Technical-Vocational School under the School under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in Calbayog City, Samar, to be known as Calbayog City Technical-Vocational School.

SECTION 3. General Mandate. – The Calbayog City Technical-Vocational School shall primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills development programs to students from low-income families and out-of-school youth in the City of Calbayog and adjacent municipalities in the Province of Samar. It shall also play a pivotal role in helping the students become productive, self-reliant and middle-level skilled labor force so as to hasten the social and economic development of Samar; as well as in meeting the needs of both local and international labor markets.

The Calbayog City Technical-Vocational School shall also serve as the assessment center for acquired competencies in technical-vocational skills in the First District of Samar. Further, as deemed necessary and practicable, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepED), it shall render relevant teachers’ training assistance and curriculum design to the secondary schools offering technical-vocational education under the K to 12 Program of the DepED.

SECTION 4. Curricular Offerings. – The Calbayog City Technical-Vocational School shall offer short-term courses in preferred market- driven and relevant technical-vocational courses within its areas of specialization in consultation with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and such other relevant agencies, both local and international.

SECTION 5. School Site. – The Calbayog City Technical-Vocational School shall be established on a site in the City of Calbayog, Province of Samar, which is highly accessible pursuant to the purposes

of this Act and to the mutual agreement between the TESDA and the concerned local government unit (LGU).

SECTION 6. *Administration.* – The Calbayog City Technical-Vocational School shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational Administrator under the supervision of the TESDA. The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director-General in accordance with the civil rules and regulations and the qualification requirements of the TESDA.

The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall render full-time services and shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the Calbayog City Technical-Vocational School.

SECTION 7. *Appropriations.* – The Director-General of the TESDA shall include in the Authority's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA, in coordination with the DOLE, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the concerned LGU, and such other relevant agencies, shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 9. *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 thereby remain in force and effect.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, decrees, issuances, rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.