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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5601



Introduced by the Honorable Ann K. Hofer

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks the conversion of the Kabasalan Institute of Technology (KIT), formerly Kabasalan National Vocational School, into Zamboanga Sibugay Polytechnic College. KIT is presently administered by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and is TESDA's Center of Technical Excellence in the Zamboanga Peninsula (R-IX). It occupies a total land area of more or less 10 hectares at the heart of the Municipality of Kabasalan in the 2nd Congressional District of the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay.

It offers TESDA-registered training programs with training regulations leading a National Certification Levels I to IV in various sectors: automotive and land transport; construction; electronics; garments; health; social and other community development services; information and communication technology; metals and engineering; processed food and beverages; tourism; and TVET (Trainers Methodology Course – Level 1).

With the three major developments that have taken place recently: (1) the adoption of the Philippine Qualifications Framework, (2) the ASEAN economic integration, and (3) the Senior High School Program of DepEd, it becomes necessary for KIT to restructure its education and curricular landscape and thereby evolve into a polytechnic college in order to make it responsive to the rapidly changing demands of the industry and the labor market. It cannot continue offering only training programs pegged at the four National Certification levels especially because the first two NC levels are now part of the Senior High School Curriculum of DepEd.

KIT has to upgrade its curricular, operational, and functional standards as an educational institution that will offer curricular programs that meet the requirements set forth in Level 5 of the Philippine Qualifications Framework, which is the Diploma Level. The time has now come for KIT to evolve from a technology training institution into a polytechnic college that will cater to knowledge and skills that are mainly theoretical and/or abstract with significant depth in some areas together with wide-ranging, specialized technical, creative and conceptual skills and the graduates competently perform work activities demonstrating depth and complexity in the planning and initiation of alternative approaches to skills and knowledge

applications across a broad range of technical and/or management requirements, evaluation and coordination.

The proposed Zamboanga Sibugay Polytechnic College shall still be under the administration and supervision of TESDA. However, it shall be a tertiary level technical education institution that will have the authority to confer appropriate academic titles from its diploma programs and bundled qualification, and continue to provide various skills trainings at the different National Certification Levels (I to IV).

For these reasons, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE KABASALAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF KABASALAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBIGAY,
INTO ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Kabasalan Institute of Technology, in the Municipality of Kabasalan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, is hereby converted into a polytechnic college to be known as the Zamboanga Sibugay Polytechnic College, hereinafter referred to as the College.

SEC. 2. The College shall be under the supervision and administration of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

SEC. 3. The College shall offer one-year to three-year technical vocational courses and undergraduate courses in the field of industrial education and technology or such other courses which are relevant to the needs of its service area.

SEC. 4. The College shall be headed by a vocational college superintendent to be appointed by the Director General of TESDA.

SEC. 5. The academic and administrative staff of the College shall be organized following the staffing pattern of TESDA for such type of schools pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. All assets, fixed and movable, personnel, records and documents of the Kabasalan Institute of Technology, in the Municipality of Kabasalan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, as well as its liabilities shall be transferred to the Zamboanga Sibugay Polytechnic College: Provided, however, that the positions, rights and security of tenure of personnel therein employed pursuant to the existing laws prior to its conversion into the Zamboanga Sibugay Polytechnic College are not impaired.

SEC. 7. All parcels of land belonging to the Government occupied by the Kabasalan Institute of Technology are hereby declared to be the property of the Zamboanga Sibugay Polytechnic College and shall be titled under that name: Provided, That should the Zamboanga Sibugay Polytechnic College cease to exist or such aforementioned parcels of land be no longer needed by the College, the same shall revert to the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay.

SEC. 8. In addition to the current appropriations of the Kabasalan Institute of Technology, the amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 9. Tuition and other fees to be paid by students enrolled in post-secondary and higher education courses shall be retained and directly used by the College to improve the learning/training facilities.

SEC. 10. Income derived from production and service activities undertaken in aid of instruction and training and from auxiliary enterprises shall be retained by the College and shall be used exclusively for the acquisition of tools, equipment and other laboratory facilities for instruction, research and product/process development and for incentives of students, teachers and other school personnel directly involved in production and service activities: Provided, however, That such incentives shall not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the income: Provided, further, That the utilization of this income shall be in accordance with auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 11. Salary grades of faculty members, officials and other employees of the College shall be equal to that of their counterparts in state colleges and universities pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act Numbered Sixty-seven hundred and fifty-eight.

SEC. 12. If for any reason any section or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, no other section or provision hereof shall be affected thereby.

SEC. 13. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 14. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.