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HOUSE BILL NO. 6001



Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Apprenticeships are a tool to provide opportunity to learn on the job and at the same time open doors for employment. From a traditional standpoint, a novice is trained by a master craftsman or craftswoman in order to learn the skills of doing a certain task. On the other hand, under a structured apprenticeship program, students are trained under the close supervision of employers in the actual work settings.

As opposed to the usual on-the-job (OJT) training requirement of schools which last only about 300 to 600 hours, successful apprenticeship programs actually last for around 12 months, which means that a senior graduating college student would actually spend his final school-year learning in the actual employment or work-setting.

The apprenticeship program is seen as a potential solution to the academe-industry gap which has hounded the Philippine educational system for the past five decades mainly because most of young Filipinos who fresh college graduates, actually lack employable skills and knowledge.

This Act seeks to address the long-standing issue of academe-industry gap that has been a challenge to our educational system.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MANDATORY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
FOR ALL GRADUATING COLLEGE STUDENTS

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 "Mandatory Apprenticeship Program for College Students Act of 2017."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. The State shall establish means to promote quality education and learning experience to the Filipino youth.

SEC. 3. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is hereby mandated to sit down, discuss and develop with the various representatives of the industries on how to set up a viable student apprenticeship program that would enable graduating college students to acquire relevant training and skills.

SEC. 4. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.