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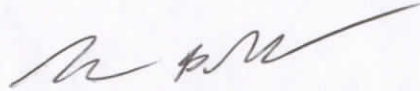
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The recent besieging of Southern Mindanao amply demonstrates that war knows no gender. Male or female, everyone is dragged in a war which we as a nation has to collectively contend with, and hopefully overcome.

The youth, in particular, needs to be trained to withstand contingencies like war, and other calamities, man-made or not. Such a training should not only prepare them for times of war but also for times of peace, cognizant of their crucial role in nation-building and their unique place in society as the beneficiaries of all the efforts their elders are doing today.

Unfortunately, the present National Service Training or NSTP Law (R.A. No. 9163) with its optional programs, which was hoped to be a law that would make the youth responsive to said contingencies is now ill-suited to address modern-day contingencies and the like.

Thus, there is a compelling need to amend R.A. No. 9163 so that we could best prepare our youth for wartime, peace time and to tap their energy and participation in building a better Philippines.


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AN ACT

**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9163, AS AMENDED, TO MERGE
ITS THREE (3) COMPONENT PROGRAMS INTO A ONE-YEAR
MANDATORY NSTP TRAINING PROGRAM**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Amended NSTP Law of 2017"

SECTION 2. 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 inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and
encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

SECTION 3. Sections 4, 5 and 6 of RA No. 8291 are hereby amended so as to
read:

Section 4. Establishment of the National Service Training
Program. – There is hereby established a National Service Training
Program (NSTP), which shall form part of the curricula of all
baccalaureate degree courses and of at least two (2) year technical

– vocational courses and is a requisite for graduation, *merging the following service components into one (1) training program:*

- (1) The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC),
- (2) The Literacy Training Services; and
- (3) The Civic Welfare Training Service

In addition, the training program shall also include training in the area of calamity and disaster preparedness, and first aid in case of emergency.

The ROTC under the NSTP shall instill patriotism, moral virtues, respect for rights of civilians, and adherence to the Constitution, among others. Citizenship training shall be given emphasis in all three program components.

SEC. 5. Coverage. – All students of any baccalaureate degree course or least two (2)-year technical-vocational courses in public and private educational institutions *shall be required to complete the one-year mandatory training as a requisite for graduation.*

SEC. 6. Duration and Equivalent Course Unit. – The *one-year mandatory* training shall be undertaken for an academic period of two (2) semesters, provided that the ROTC component maybe satisfied by a summer class of not more than one month training.

SECTION 4. The Department of Education, in coordination with the Commission on higher Education (CHED), and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall be tasked to formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulation.

SECTION 5. The initial fund necessary for the implementation of this act shall be appropriated for this purpose and shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act upon the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 6. If any provision hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.