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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6325**



Introduced by: Representatives Gil P. Acosta, Frederick F. Abueg, Franz Josef George E. Alvarez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training Centers in the Province of Palawan.

Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all."

Likewise, the Constitution declares that "Congress shall give highest priority to enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all people to human dignity, reduce social, economic and political inequalities (Article XIII, Section 1) and that "The promotion of social justice shall include the commitment to create economic opportunities based on freedom of initiative and self-reliance" (Article XIII, Section 2).

Republic Act No. 7796, otherwise known as the Technical Education and Skills Development Act of 1994 provides that "It is the declared policy of the State to provide relevant, accessible, high quality, and efficient technical education and skills development in support of the development of high quality Filipino middle-level manpower responsive to and in accordance with Philippine development goals and priorities.

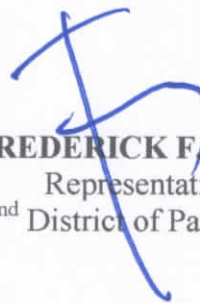
The establishment of accessible, high quality, and efficient technical education and skills development centers in the Province of Palawan shall be beneficial not only to Grade 11 and 12 students, to the out of school youth, students from low-income families, housewives, but also to any ordinary citizen. This bill which is aimed to equip the citizens

with basic practical knowledge and technical expertise in their desired area of competency, is geared towards a society that would be self-reliant, productive, and more importantly employable.

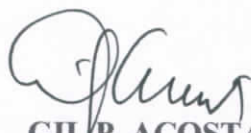
On the basis of the above premises, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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1 **AN ACT ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
2 **(TESDA) TRAINING CENTERS IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, MIMAROPA REGION, AND**
3 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

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

5 **SECTION 1. TESDA PALAWAN Provincial Training Centers.** – There Shall be
6 established Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Provincial
7 Training Centers in the City of Puerto Princesa, and in the Municipalities of Sofronio
8 Española, Quezon, Roxas, San Vicente, and Cuyo in the Province of Palawan under the
9 control and supervision of the **TESDA-MIMAROPA** Region.

10 **SECTION 2. General Mandate.** – The TESDA Provincial Training Centers shall
11 primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills development programs to students
12 from low-income families and out of school youths in the City of Puerto Princesa, and in the
13 Municipalities of Sofronio Española, Quezon, Roxas, San Vicente, and Cuyo. The TESDA
14 Provincial Training Centers shall develop the students to become productive, self-reliant,
15 and globally-competitive middle-level skilled labor workers, in order to boost the social and
16 economic development of the Province of Palawan, as well as to meet the demand of local
17 and international labor markets.

18 The TESDA Palawan Provincial Training Centers shall also serve as competency assessment
19 centers in the province for required competencies in technical-vocational skills in the whole
20 Palawan province. In coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), shall render
21 when necessary and practicable, teacher's capability building programs and curriculum
22 design technical assistance to the secondary schools in the Province of Palawan offering
23 technical-vocational and livelihood track under the K-12 Program of the DepEd.

SECTION 3. Curriculum Offering. – The TESDA PALAWAN Provincial Training Centers shall address the skills development priorities of the Province of Palawan. The training centers shall offer short-term courses in preferred market-driven and relevant technical-vocational courses or qualifications within 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 TESDA PALAWAN Provincial Training Centers may likewise establish research and development centers, technology development farms, mobile training programs, and satellite offices throughout the Province of Palawan to strengthen linkages between the industry, academe, and technology programs.

SECTION 4. Site. – The TESDA PALAWAN Provincial Training Centers shall be established in the following respective areas in the three congressional districts of the province of Palawan:

- a) First District of Palawan – *The* TESDA PALAWAN Provincial Training Centers shall be established in the Municipalities of San Vicente, Roxas and Cuyo, Palawan to the mutual agreement between TESDA and Municipal Government of San Vicente, Roxas, and Cuyo, Palawan.
- b) Second District of Palawan – *The* TESDA PALAWAN Provincial Training Center shall be established in the Municipalities of Sofronio Española and Quezon, Palawan to the mutual agreement between TESDA and Municipal Government of Sofronio Española and Quezon, Palawan.
- c) Third District of Palawan – *The* TESDA Puerto Princesa City Training Center shall be established in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan to the mutual agreement between TESDA and the City Government of Puerto Princesa.

SECTION 5. Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern.– The TESDA PALAWAN Provincial Training Centers shall be headed by Supervising TESD Specialist, SG-22 and shall adopt the organization structure and staffing pattern of a TESDA Provincial Training Center in accordance with the existing guidelines of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

SECTION 6. Appropriations. – An initial amount **FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE MILLION PESOS (P475,000,000.00)** shall be appropriated for the procurement of lot, necessary equipment, tools and supplies, furniture and fixtures and salaries of staff of the **Provincial training Centers to be established in accordance with the preceding section.**

- a) An initial amount of **ONE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P100,000,000.00)** shall be appropriated for the establishment of **Puerto Princesa City Training Center.**
- b) An initial amount of **SEVENTY FIVE MILLION PESOS (P75,000,000.00)** shall be appropriated for the establishment of a **Training Center in the Municipality of Sofronio Española.**

- 62 c) An initial amount of **SEVENTY FIVE MILLION PESOS (P75,000,000.00)** shall be
63 appropriated for the establishment of a **Training Center in the Municipality of**
64 **Quezon.**
- 65 d) An initial amount of **SEVENTY FIVE MILLION PESOS (P75,000,000.00)** shall be
66 appropriated for the establishment of a **Training Center in the Municipality of**
67 **Roxas.**
- 68 e) An initial amount of **SEVENTY FIVE MILLION PESOS (P75,000,000.00)** shall be
69 appropriated for the establishment of a **Training Center in the Municipality of**
70 **San Vicente.**
- 71 f) An initial amount of **SEVENTY FIVE MILLION PESOS (P75,000,000.00)** shall be
72 appropriated for the establishment of a **Training Center in the Municipality of**
73 **Cuyo.**

74 Thereafter, the amount necessary for the funding of TESDA PROVINCIAL TRAINING CENTERS
75 shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) as a separate line item
76 budget under TESDA.

77 **SECTION 7. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared invalid
78 or unconstitutional, the remaining part or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in
79 force.

80 **SECTION 8. Repealing Clause.** Any law, decree, ordinance, administrative circulars
81 not consistent with any provision of this Act is hereby emended, repealed or modified
82 accordingly.

83 **SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
84 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
85 circulation.

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87 Approved,