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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to promote holistic development among the youths, generate employment, and create ample opportunities for every Filipino through the establishment of a government internship program.

The existence of a misalignment between workforce requirements and technical skills among fresh graduates is undeniable. Fresh graduates find themselves undergoing numerous training programs after landing their first job. This is true not only in the private sector, but also in the public sector.

The Government should not simply be a partner in educating the youths. It should be at the forefront of innovation and development. The Government should take the initiative to develop the country's overall workforce, and push for the growth of its human potential.

The establishment of a government internship program is a stepping stone towards progress. It will not only help the youths in developing the necessary skills needed for their first jobs, but also shape their attitude towards work.

In light of the foregoing, this representation humbly proposes the immediate passage of this bill.


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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 “*Government Internship Program of 2018.*”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is declared that the State shall take initiative to promote holistic development among the youths, generate employment, and create ample opportunities for every Filipino. Towards this end, the State shall:

1. Provide adequate funding and such other mechanisms to increase youth participation into public service by involving them with government programs and projects;
2. Provide all Filipinos with equal opportunity to quality employment and livelihood;
3. Ensure the optimized utilization of government resources in job creation and workforce development;
4. Develop innovative measures to equip every Filipinos with adequate skills and appropriate work attitudes.

SECTION 3. *Government Internship Program*– There shall be a Government Internship Program [“GIP”] in every public office. The GIPs shall initiate participants into public service by involving them with government programs and projects. The implementation of the GIPs shall be coordinated with the Civil Service Commission.

SECTION 4. *Government Internship Program Fund* – A Government Internship Program Fund, hereinafter referred to as “GIP Fund”, is hereby established. The GIP Fund shall be solely and exclusively used for implementing the GIP under the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 5. *GIP Committee*– There is hereby created the GIP Committee, composed of the following:

1. Chairman, Civil Service Commission, as the Chairman of the GIP Committee, and the following as Members:
2. Secretary of the Department of Education;
3. Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment; and
4. Secretary of the Department of Local Government.

SECTION 6. *Program Components* – Subject to the provisions of existing laws, rules, and regulations, the GIP Committee shall develop the different program components comprising the GIP.

SECTION 7. *Functions and Responsibilities of the GIP Committee* – The GIP Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Oversee the implementation of the GIP;
2. Review and evaluate the implementation of the various components of the GIP;
3. Call upon any government department or agency for the necessary assistance and support for the GIP;
4. Submit to the relevant Committees of both Houses of Congress annual report and assessment of the GIP. The annual report shall be submitted within the second quarter of every year of implementation of the GIP.

SECTION 8. *Appropriations* – The initial amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos [P500,000,000.00] is hereby appropriated from the National Treasury into the GIP Fund to implement the provision of this Act. Thereafter, such amount necessary to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – Within Thirty [30] days from the effectivity of this Act, the GIP Committee, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 10. *Separability Clause* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, parts or provisions of this Act that are not affected shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. *Non-impairment Clause* – Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish, impair, or repeal rights recognized, granted, or made available to disadvantaged, marginalized, or specific sectors under existing laws.

SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, implementing rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen [15] days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two [2] newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved.