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COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY,
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OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a national Cooperative Development Academy that will aid the viability, development, and growth of cooperatives in the country.

No less than our very own Constitution recognizes the vital role of cooperatives in nation-building. Article XII, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution directs the more equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth, including the sustained increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of the Filipinos. And, in pursuit of this goal, the same Constitutional provision provides for the broadening of bases of cooperatives in the country.

In order to realize the mandate of our Constitution, this representation humbly proposes the creation of an institute or academy that is geared towards educating, training, and developing the cooperatives as well as their members.

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 “*Philippine Cooperative Development Academy Act of 2018.*”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is declared that the State shall take initiative to grow and develop cooperatives as instrument for social justice and economic development. The State shall encourage and aid the private sector to undertake the actual formation, organization, growth, and sustainability of cooperatives by providing and encouraging them to participate in relevant, accessible, high quality, and efficient technical education and skills development programs.

SECTION 3. *Philippine Cooperative Development Academy.* – The Philippine Cooperative Development Academy, hereinafter referred to as CDA, is hereby established as an attached agency of the Cooperative Development Authority. The CDA shall exercise all corporate powers under the Corporation Code, insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Strategic Framework of the CDA.* – The CDA shall, within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, formulate a Strategic Framework. The Framework shall serve as the basis for developing specific programs to be launched by the CDA, and action plans for research, development, and formulation of specific academic programs. The Framework shall be reviewed every three (3) years, or as may be deemed necessary.

SECTION 5. *Components of the Framework.* – The Framework shall include, but not limited to the following components:

1. Development of Viable Models for Cooperatives
2. Legal Aspects of Cooperatives
3. Cost Analysis, Financing, and Accounting
4. Feasibility and Strategic Planning
5. Accountability
6. Decision Making and Management Strategies
7. Cultural Competency and Anti-oppression
8. Marketing and Advertising
9. Operation and Production Management
10. Membership Management
11. Technical Development and Skills Training

SECTION 6. *Principal Office and Branches.* – The CDA shall have its principal office in Metro Manila, and may establish other offices, branches, or networks in such other places it may deem necessary or proper for the accomplishment of its purpose.

SECTION 7. *Composition and Functions.* – The CDA shall be composed of the Board of Administrators of the Cooperative Development Authority, and directed by an Executive Director. All government officials shall serve as ex-officio members and shall not receive any additional salary or compensation.

The Board shall primarily be responsible for formulating, coordinating, and developing frameworks, policies, and programs for the CDA, and the Executive Director shall primarily be responsible for the execution thereof.

SECTION 8. *Appropriations* – The initial amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos [P500,000,000.00] is hereby appropriated from the National Treasury to the CDA 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 CDA Board, 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.