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HOUSE BILL NO. 8678



Introduced by Representatives Francisco Datol Jr. and Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Act seeks to strengthen Republic Act 7796, otherwise known as the "Technical Education and Skills Development (TESDA) Act of 1994".

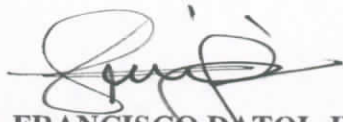
The TESDA Act declared the policy of the State to encourage the full participation of, and mobilize, the industry, labor, local government units and technical-vocational institutions in the skills development of the country's human resources. The merging of the National Manpower and Youth Council (NMYC) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). The Bureau of Technical and Vocational Education (BTVE) of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), and The Apprenticeship Program of the Bureau of Local Employment (BLE) of the DOLE gave birth to TESDA. The fusion of these offices was one of the key recommendations of the 1991 Report of the Congressional Commission on Education, which undertook a national review of the state of Philippine education and manpower development. It was meant to reduce overlapping in skills development activities initiated by various public and private sector agencies, and to provide national directions for the country's technical-vocational education and training (TVET) system. Hence, a major thrust of TESDA is the formulation of a comprehensive development plan for middle-level manpower based on the National Technical Education and Skills Development Plan. This plan shall provide for a reformed industry-based training program that includes apprenticeship, dual training system and other similar schemes.

TESDA is mandated to 1) Integrate, coordinate and monitor skills development programs; 2) Restructure efforts to promote and develop middle-level manpower; 3) Approve skills standards and tests; 4) Develop an accreditation system for institutions involved in middle-level manpower development; 5) Fund programs and projects for technical education and skills development; and 6) Assist trainers training programs.

With the rapidly changing times, especially in the field of information and technology, coupled with the urgent need of our countrymen to be more qualified, highly skilled and competitive in the domestic and international skilled and non-skilled labor fronts, it cannot be denied that the current state of TESDA Technology Institutions (TTIs) and TESDA Administered Schools (TAS) Technical Vocational Institution cannot appropriately

address these concerns due to its current state of its facilities, equipment and training staff. Also, given the number of trainers with plantilla position is lesser than the number of qualifications the TTIs and TAs offer. These factors sorely affect the quality of training these centers provide, which in turn greatly impacts on the job readiness, competitiveness and employability of its graduates.

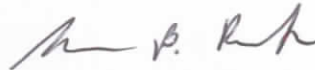
This Act is intended to make the graduates of the program to be more job-ready and competitive, through more modern equipment, facilities and expert trainers; thereby increasing their chances of being employed, domestically and internationally. This will make the TESDA Training Centers more high-quality-driven, more appropriate and relevant in providing proper preparedness to its beneficiaries/trainees.



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TESDA MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2019

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 “TESDA Modernization Act of 2019”

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Republic Act. 7796 known as “TESDA Act of 1994” needs the necessary amendment to cope and be at par with the rapidly-changing technology all over the world.

SEC. 3. TESDA Training Centers should be provided with resources to modernize its current facilities and equipment, as well as to upgrade the skills and expertise of trainers in their own fields of specialization to properly equip them to adapt to the modern technologies.

SEC. 4. If TESDA has to be relevant to the times, it should upgrade its current course offerings based on the emerging technologies in the industries.

SEC. 5. The Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA), shall be furthermore, tasked to amend its current policies on manning the TESDA Training Institutions and TESDA Administered Schools to ensure that enough and highly qualified trainers are assigned in every unit.

SEC. 6. TESDA should be ready to complement other government agencies actively involved in construction projects with the sole object to uplift the "Filipino poor man's lot" by providing readily highly-skilled workers, especially in the Government's "Build! Build! Build!" projects.

SEC. 7. In the field of agriculture, TESDA should provide appropriate training to farmers in the use and utilization of a more state-of-the-art "highly-mechanized farming".

SEC. 8. In the field of tourism, TESDA should provide appropriate training and readiness to ordinary citizens in handling tourists by providing the necessary education on the Filipino culture and hospitality.

SEC. 9. For senior citizens or those advanced-in-wisdom-and-experience, a facility must be provided them by TESDA for the acquisition of skills they are still capable of performing for them to be still useful in Philippine society; in turn, the senior citizens should be allowed to share their knowledge in the respective fields of specialization with TESDA's scholars of which the latter possesses no exposure and/or expertise.

SEC10. The foregoing exigencies long for the establishment of an Academy of Trainers that will sufficiently answer these specific needs; hence, the necessary enactment of the above-mentioned proposed law.

SEC 11. 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. 12. 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. 13. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.