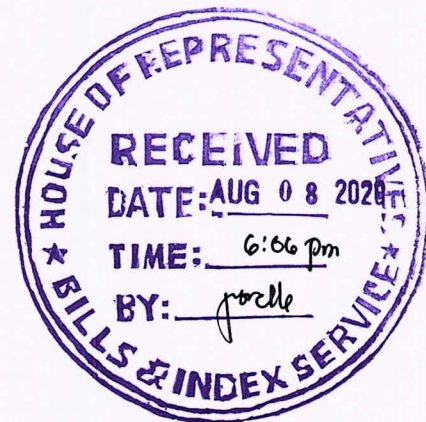


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HOUSE BILL NO. 7327



Introduced by **ANG PROBINSYANO**
Party-List Representative Alfred Delos Santos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1 The State, under Article II, Section 13, upholds “the vital role of the
2 youth in nation-building” and is therefore committed to “promot[ing] and
3 protect[ing] their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being”
4 by “inculcate in [them] patriotism and nationalism, and encourag[ing] their
5 involvement in public and civic affairs.” This has led to the enactment of
6 Republic Act No. 10742 (“Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015”),
7 through Section 2 of which the State has taken on the task of “establish[ing]
8 adequate, effective, responsive and enabling mechanisms and support
9 systems that will ensure the meaningful participation of the youth in local
10 governance and in nation-building.”

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12 Government action in relation to carrying out this provision must now
13 be stepped up. Today, more than ever, we need a generation of Filipinos who
14 can successfully overcome the novel challenges—both social and economic—
15 that have cropped up due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But the Filipino youth
16 are facing great, potentially crippling, issues, such as (1) interruptions in
17 education and schools struggling to migrate to online learning and (2) the
18 possibility of job prospects decreasing all the way down to a global recession.

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20 Hence, not only must the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) be mobilized
21 towards engaging with their constituencies to thoroughly map out their
22 immediate concerns, but they must also be equipped with modern facilities to
23 properly execute the projects that will be most responsive to their
24 constituencies’ needs. This Bill will serve as the State’s next concrete step in
25 making SKs effective and efficient leaders in the ‘new normal,’ training thee
26 Filipino youth in all the ways they can become productive members of the per-
27 and post-COVID-19 society.

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29 As part of the various measures to be proposed, this Bill aims to
30 construct, in each barangay, an SK center, dedicated to both giving SK
31 officials an appropriate worksite and to standing as a convenient venue for
32 capability-building trainings. Additionally, this bill seeks to institutionalize

1 mandatory, regular capacity-building trainings for SK officials, so that they
2 can first master the 'new normal' context through which they shall be guiding
3 their constituents.

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5 It must be noted that these measures are not proposed to dissuade the
6 operators of private cold storage facilities.

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8 It is for the foregoing premises that the approval of this Bill is earnestly
9 sought.

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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SANGGUNANG KABATAAN (SK) CENTERS IN
EACH BARANGAY AND FOR THE CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAININGS FOR
SK OFFICIALS**

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “SK Centers
2 and Trainings Act of 2020.”
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4 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes its duty to
5 enable the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials, in their capacity as youth
6 leaders, as active and innovative participants in nation-building. In light of
7 the COVID-19 pandemic, the State acknowledges the necessity of providing
8 them with the facilities and trainings that they need in order to safely,
9 dutifully carry out their responsibilities to their constituents, the most
10 pressing of which would be addressing concerns as to accessible education
11 and market-responsive skills training for adapting to the ‘new normal.’
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13 SECTION 3. *Sangguniang Kabataan Centers.* – Each barangay shall
14 have a center dedicated to the use of the SK officials, as their worksite, and
15 to the hosting of the capacity-building trainings for the said officials. The
16 center shall be constructed with a design, and outfitted with the necessary
17 equipment, that will ensure: 1) its accessibility to the community; 2) its
18 connectivity to the internet; 3) its resiliency against natural calamities; and 4)
19 compliance with basic hygiene/sanitation standards.
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21 SECTION 4. *Capacity-building trainings for SK Officials.* – All SK officials
22 shall undergo mandatory, regular capacity-building trainings that will focus
23 on enabling them to execute their responsibilities, more responsively, in the
24 context of the ‘new normal.’
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1 The detailed training curriculum shall be created by the Department of
2 Interior and Local Government (DILG), in consultation with the Commission
3 on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of Education (DepEd), the local
4 government leagues, and the various youth organizations and youth-serving
5 organizations.

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7 SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of
8 Interior and Local Government shall promulgate the necessary rules and
9 regulations required for the effective implementation of the provisions of this
10 Act.

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12 SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to implement the
13 provisions of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations
14 Act.

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16 SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part of this Act is
17 held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts unaffected
18 shall remain in full force and effect.

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20 SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, presidential
21 decrees or issuances, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules, and
22 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
23 hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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25 SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
26 days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
27 circulation.

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29 Approved,