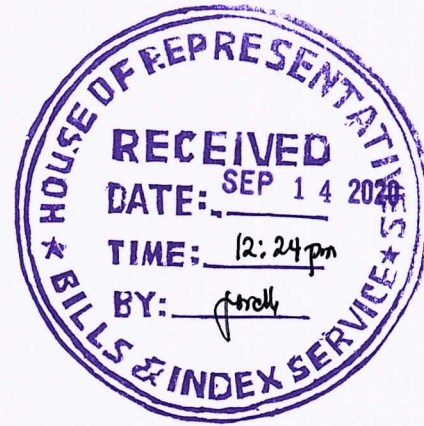


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education has always been a country's greatest investment for their populace. When a nation has a well-educated and competent citizenry, it reaches greater heights as a collective. This is why education and training has been given utmost importance, no less by the Constitution. The supreme law of the land states that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. (Article XIV, Section 1) In addition, it is provided that the State shall also "encourage non-formal, informal, and indigenous learning systems, as well as self-learning, independent, and out-of-school study programs particularly those that respond to community needs." (Article XIV, Section 2 (4)) It is for this reason that the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority was created under Republic Act 7796.

Based on the said law, it is states that the objective of the same is to "promote and strengthen the quality of technical education and skills development programs to attain international competitiveness." (Section 3 (a), RA 7796) It is then incumbent that standards must be set and curricula are updated regularly to assist in this objective.

We yearn for a globally competitive populace, and long for a new image for Filipinos—one that embodies excellence and strong work ethic. It is then necessary for our technical education and skills development programs to reflect the same. It is for these reasons that the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
MANDATING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (TESDA) TO UPDATE THE EXISTING TRAINING FOR WORK
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (TWSP), SPECIAL TRAINING FOR EMPLOYMENT
PROGRAM (STEP), AND TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND
TRAINING (TVET)

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 Skills Training Act of 2020.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

SECTION 3. *Scope.* – This Act shall apply to the following programs of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority:

- a) Training For Work Scholarship Program (TWSP);
- b) Special Training For Employment Program (STEP); and
- c) Technical And Vocational Education And Training (TVET).

SECTION 4. *Roles and Responsibilities.* – The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority shall identify, prepare, and provide policy guidance and technical resource assistance with regard to the inclusion of updates in the existing programs and curricula of their Training For Work Scholarship Program (TWSP), Special Training For Employment Program (STEP), and Technical And

1 Vocational Education And Training (TVET) in order to ensure globally competitive
2 programs of training for Filipinos enrolled in the same.

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4 SECTION 5. Socio-civic organizations and the Private Sector. – This Act
5 shall also empower the private sector in engaging and partnering with the
6 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority in promulgating these
7 programs. Non-governmental organizations, civic organizations, the academe,
8 people's organizations, and the like shall be tapped by the Technical Education
9 and Skills Development Authority in updating such programs.

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11 SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Technical
12 Education and Skills Development Authority shall promulgate the implementing
13 rules and regulations of this Act within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

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15 SECTION 6. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part of this Act is
16 held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts unaffected
17 shall remain in full force and effect.

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19 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, presidential
20 decrees or issuances, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules, and
21 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
22 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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24 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
25 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
26 circulation.

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28 Approved,