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HOUSE BILL NO. 7742



Introduced by Representative Luis “Jon-Jon” A. Ferrer IV

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) training and accreditation center in the City of General Trias, Province of Cavite, to be known as the “*General Trias TESDA Training and Assessment Center*.”

On August 25, 1994, Republic Act No. 7796, otherwise known as the “*Technical Education and Skills Development Act of 1994*” was enacted. It aims to mobilize and encourage the full participation of the industrial, labor, local government units and technical-vocational institutions in the skills development of the country's human resources. TESDA provides direction, policies, programs and standards towards quality technical education and skills development, and certification system.

The growing population of the people in the City of General Trias and the expansion of commerce and industry in the area and the whole Province of Cavite necessarily mean more migration in the area. Thus, the need for more choices of education, whether vocational training or the regular offerings of colleges and universities. TESDA offers technical-vocational education and training which involves, in addition to general education, the study of technologies and related sciences and acquisition of practical skills relating to occupations in various sectors of economic and social life. It includes formal or organized programs as part of the school system and non-formal or organized classes outside the school system approaches. With TESDA, those who cannot afford to enroll in colleges and universities or simply are more interested with technical learnings are given an alternative, and an opportunity to get proper education.

Hence, this bill aims to establish a TESDA training and accreditation center in the City of General Trias that promotes technical-vocational programs that will equip the students with necessary skills and training, and eventually helps develop and enhance the current and future industries not only in the city but also in the whole Province of Cavite. Further, this is a great opportunity for the residents of the City of General Trias and the Province of Cavite to be more self-reliant, productive, and competitive in the skills market.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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1 **AN ACT**
2 **ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS**
3 **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND**
4 **ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS,**
5 **PROVINCE OF CAVITE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “GENERAL TRIAS**
6 **TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER” AND**
7 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

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12 **SECTION 1. *Technical Education and Skills Development Authority***
13 ***(TESDA) Training and Accreditation Center.*** – There is hereby established a
14 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) training and
15 accreditation center in the City of General Trias, to be known as the “*General*
16 *Trias TESDA Training and Assessment Center,*” herein referred to as *Center,*
17 under the control and supervision of the TESDA.

1 SEC. 2. **General Mandate.** – The Center shall primarily provide technical-
2 vocational training and skills development programs to students from low
3 income families and to out-of-school youths in City of General Trias, as well as
4 the entire Province of Cavite. It shall develop the students to become
5 productive, self-reliant, and globally-competitive middle-level skilled labor
6 workers, in order to boost the social and economic development of the City of
7 General Trias and the Province of Cavite, as well as to meet the demand of local
8 and international labor markets.

9 The Center shall also serve as the center for acquired competencies in
10 technical-vocational skills in the City of General Trias and the Province of
11 Cavite. The Center shall, in coordination with the Department of Education
12 (DepEd), render teachers' capability building programs and curriculum
13 design to the secondary schools in the City of General Trias and the Province of
14 Cavite offering technical-vocational and livelihood track under the K to 12
15 Program of the DepEd.

16 SEC. 3. **Curricular Offerings.** – The Center shall address the skills
17 development priorities of the City of General Trias, and the Province of Cavite.
18 It shall offer short-term courses in preferred market-driven and relevant
19 technical-vocational courses within its areas of specialization, in consultation
20 with the Department of Labor and Employment, the industries and other
21 relevant agencies, both local and international.

1 The Center may likewise establish research and development centers,
2 technology development farms, and mobile training programs throughout the
3 City of General Trias to strengthen linkages between the industry, academe, and
4 the technology programs.

5 SEC. 4. ***Site.*** – The Center shall be established on a site in the City of
6 General Trias, Province of Cavite, which is highly accessible pursuant to the
7 purposes of this Act, and upon the mutual agreement between the TESDA and
8 the City of General Trias.

9 SEC. 5. ***Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern.*** – The Center
10 shall adopt the organizational structure and staffing pattern of a TESDA
11 regional training center in accordance with the existing guidelines of the
12 Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission.

13 The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational Administrator
14 under the supervision of the TESDA who shall be appointed by the TESDA
15 Director-General in accordance with civil service rules and regulations and the
16 qualification requirements of the TESDA.

17 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall render full-time services
18 and shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the Center.

19 SEC. 6. ***Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the initial
20 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriation of
21 the TESDA. The Director-General of the TESDA shall include in the
22 Authority's program the implementation of this Act, Thereafter, such sum as

1 may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included
2 in the annual General Appropriations Act.

3 The City of General Trias, in consultation with the TESDA, shall
4 likewise set aside from any available local revenue an amount deemed
5 appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of the Center.

6 SEC. 7. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days
7 from the effectivity of this Act, the Director General of TESDA shall, in
8 coordination with the Secretary of Labor and Employment, Secretary of Trade
9 and Industry, Secretary of Science and Technology, the City Mayor of General
10 Trias, and such other relevant government agencies, issue the necessary rules
11 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

12 SEC. 8. ***Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be
13 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining part or provisions not
14 otherwise affected shall remain in force.

15 SEC. 9. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances or
16 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are
17 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly

18 SEC. 10. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
19 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

20 Approved,