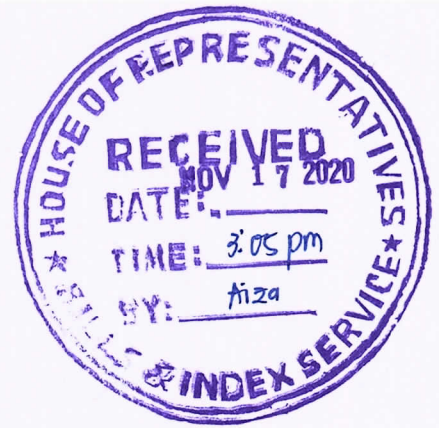


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

While Republic Act 10742 has established reforms in the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), it remains that the SK is left with no practical venues to call their own which will encourage the youth and the SK itself to pursue their youth programs.

What is instead currently mandated by the law is the creation of a youth development office which may be put under any office deemed appropriate by the local government unit. However, it is a fact that resources and facilities of the local government itself is finite especially when being used to serve all its constituents. This leaves a void for a focused activity center mainly for the youths and by the SK.

As such, this measure proposes that SK Centers be established in all cities and municipalities in the entire nation which will also serve as youth hubs in order for the youth to concentrate in their activities which will promote their well-being and growth. This same establishment can also serve as the office of the SK which will enable it to perform its duties and responsibilities as established under current laws.

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

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN CENTER TO SERVE AS A YOUTH
HUB IN ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the Youth Hub Act of 2020.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

It is likewise the policy of the State to create an environment conducive for the youth for them to pursue their activities as represented by the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) and as guided by the principles and ideas deemed beneficial for them by the State.

SECTION 3. *Establishment of Sangguniang Kabataan Centers or Youth Hubs.* – There is hereby established in every municipality and city in the entire country a SK Center which will also serve as youth hubs.

These centers and youth hubs will serve as office of the SK and a converging point of all activities relating to the youth and their growth as responsible and law-abiding citizens of the state.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the establishment of the SK Centers or youth hubs shall be taken from the current appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways. Such other amounts necessary to completely accomplish the establishment of the SK Centers or youth hubs shall be included in the next appropriation of the concerned department and agency.

SECTION 5. *Staggered Construction of SK Centers or Youth Hubs.* – Establishment of the SK Centers or youth hubs shall be prioritized in municipalities or cities where the most number of youths are recorded. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall set the priority list where such SK Centers or youth hubs will first be established in accordance with a published criterion.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Act shall be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* - All provisions of existing laws, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,