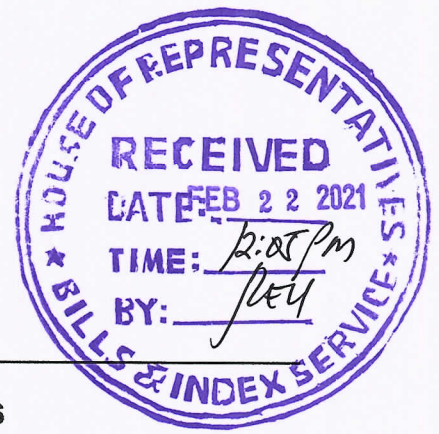


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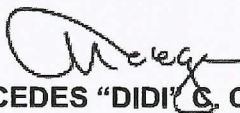
This bill seeks to create the Technical Education And Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training Center in the province of Davao del Sur to be located at Digos City and to be known as Davao del Sur TESDA Training and Assessment Center.

The Lone District of Davao del Sur comprises of nine municipalities and one component city. The Center shall be a source of the required skills, knowledge and technology to drive productivity in industries within the province, and consequently the entire nation for sustained economic growth.

More than increasing global competitiveness, the establishment of the Center shall pursue the principle of social inclusion by ensuring equity in terms of giving access to high quality and relevant technical and vocational education and training. The Center shall pursue greater number of beneficiaries by catering not only to those who are willing to learn skills to increase their qualifications in securing a job, but most importantly to the socially excluded and displaced individuals such as the informal workers, indigenous peoples, farmers and fisherfolks, drug dependent, abuse victims, out-of-school youths, solo parents, persons with disability and other marginalized members of our society.

The Center shall aim to uplift the socioeconomic status of the disadvantaged by providing opportunities to develop themselves to be self-reliant and productive members of the community for their employment and income-generation.

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


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL
EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)
TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF
DAVAO DEL SUR, WHICH SHALL BE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF DIGOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Davao del Sur TESDA Training and Assessment Center Act."

SECTION 2. There is hereby established under the supervision of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Assessment Center in the Lone District of Davao del Sur, to be located in the Municipality of Digos, Province of Davao del Sur.

SECTION 3. The Davao del Sur TESDA Training and Assessment Center shall primarily provide technical and vocational training and skills development programs to informal workers, indigenous peoples, farmers and fisherfolks, drug dependent, abuse victims, out-of-school youths, solo parents, persons with disability and other marginalized sectors in the Province of Davao del Sur.

SECTION 4. The TESDA in coordination with the DOLE shall formulate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations that shall govern the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act on the year following the approval of this act and every year thereafter.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause: If, for any reason, any section of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provision thereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause: All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations, contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity: This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official gazette or in two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,