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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was approved on Third Reading and transmitted to the Senate both during the 17th and 18th Congresses. However, the Upper House was not able to act on the same.

Thankfully, on December 7, 2020, through the assistance of the TESDA Central Office, The Provincial Training Center Siargao (Siargao Manpower and Livelihood Training Center) was inaugurated in Siargao Island with no less than then TESDA Director General Isidro Lapeña as Guest of Honor. This bill seeks to institutionalize the existence of said manpower and livelihood training center in Siargao.

As we slowly open up and welcome tourists back in the island, we need the training center to equip our residents with the skills necessary in entrepreneurship and other forms of trade and industry. By properly training them, they will also learn self-reliance, commitment and participation in community-oriented projects.

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


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, SIARGAO ISLAND, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO, SURIGAO DEL NORTE TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 “*Siargao,*
2 *Surigao del Norte TESDA Training and Assessment Center Act*”.

3 SEC. 2. *Establishment.* There is hereby established a Technical
4 Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and
5 Assessment Center in the Municipality of Dapa, Siargao Island, Province
6 of Surigao del Norte, under the supervision of the TESDA, to be known as
7 the Siargao, Surigao del Norte TESDA Training and Assessment Center.
8 It shall be established in a highly accessible location in the Municipality of
9 Dapa, Siargao Island, Province of Surigao del Norte, pursuant to the
10 purposes of this Act and to the mutual agreement of the TESDA and the
11 concerned local government units (LGUs).

1 SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* – The Siargao, Surigao del Norte TESDA
2 Training and Assessment Center, hereinafter referred to as Center, shall
3 primarily provide technical-vocational education and training (TVET)
4 programs to students, local residents from low-income families, and out-of-
5 school youths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples,
6 in the Municipality of Dapa, Siargao Island and neighboring localities in
7 the Province of Surigao del Norte, to help them become productive, self-
8 reliant and globally competitive labor assets.

9 The Center shall provide effective employment interventions
10 through training programs on relevant skills trade competencies,
11 craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities needed to deliver the
12 effective employment interventions that will help hasten the development
13 of the host area and adjacent localities in the Province of Surigao del Norte
14 into human resources and productivity hubs.

15 The Center shall serve as TESDA- accredited Assessment Center for
16 acquired competencies in TVET programs in Siargao Island, and adjacent
17 localities in the Province of Surigao del Norte. It shall also provide
18 teachers' training and curriculum design assistance to the secondary
19 schools offering the technical-vocational livelihood track under the K to 12
20 Programs, in coordination with the Department of Education and the
21 TESDA.

22 SEC. 4. *Training Programs.* - The Center shall offer short-term
23 certificate courses and modular trainings in preferred technical-vocational
24 skills and trades specialization. To this end, the Department of Labor and
25 Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI),
26 Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of
27 Agriculture (DA), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG),
28 National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), business-
29 industry partners, and other relevant agencies and instrumentalities, both

1 local and international, shall provide the necessary assistance to enable
2 the Center to develop skilled manpower to achieve a robust inclusive
3 economy in the host area and its adjacent localities.

4 The Center may establish research and technology hubs, technology
5 development farms, satellite or extension training centers, and promote
6 mobile training programs to strengthen linkages among the industry
7 partners, the academe, and the Center geared towards the acquisition of
8 practical livelihood, employable, skills, gainful employment, and
9 entrepreneurship in priority areas in Siargao Island, and adjacent
10 localities in the Province of Surigao del Norte.

11 The Center shall offer the following TVET programs with
12 competencies assessment leading to National Certificate Levels I-III:

13 (a) Skills training in industrial technology and hard trades such as
14 metal and steelwork, machine fabrication and operation, heavy equipment
15 operation, automotive mechanic, refrigeration and air conditioning,
16 electronics, and operation of power tools and equipment for both medium
17 skills grade and industrial purposes;

18 (b) Agriculture and aquaculture-related trainings and skills
19 development in such areas as farming technology, fishing operations
20 technology, backyard farming and home-based aquaculture and
21 propagation innovations, mechanized farm, fishing tools and equipment
22 operation, agribusiness, agri-aqua trade technology and innovations, and
23 relevant farmers and fisherfolk's trainings for increased productivity and
24 entrepreneurship;

25 (c) Livelihood skills development courses for preferred skills
26 employment and small-scale entrepreneurship, including practical skills
27 education in arts and crafts, workmanship and design, high-speed sewing,
28 dressmaking and tailoring, horticulture, livestock raising and breeding,

1 food processing technology, home technology, culinary arts and commercial
2 cooking, cosmetology, and health and wellness training;

3 (d) Basic business literacy training in financial management,
4 marketing, practical accountancy, bookkeeping, office procedures, business
5 processes, and application procedures including registration, licensing,
6 documentation, business patent and intellectual property regulation,
7 business financing and investment opportunities sourcing, import-export
8 accreditation, online home-based business operation, and use of social
9 media business marketing;

10 (e) Technical-vocational occupation and trades skills such as
11 carpentry, masonry, plumbing, welding, practical electricity and
12 installation, automotive servicing, electronics servicing, personal computer
13 servicing and such other relevant practical skills course;

14 (f) Computer literacy and information technology-related skills,
15 digital technology, web design, animation, photoshop/online photography,
16 computer design and advertising;

17 (g) Social communication skills and language proficiency course in
18 English and other language for business process outsourcing employment
19 and overseas job placement;

20 (h) Seminars on personality development, career counseling, job
21 placement, and work ethic and values; and

22 (i) Other preferred skills and trades training that may be needed by
23 the people of Siargao Island, and of the other localities in the Province of
24 Surigao del Norte, to enhance their capacities for practical livelihood,
25 gainful employment, and entrepreneurial activities.

26 SEC. 5. *Compliance with TESDA Requirements.* - The provisions of
27 this Act notwithstanding, the Center shall become operational only upon
28 the determination and certification by the TESDA, through the issuance of
29 a formal recommendation and certificate of compliance that the Center has

1 satisfactorily complied with the minimum quality standards prescribed by
2 the TESDA governing the following;

3 (a) Standard procedures and guidelines for the establishment and
4 operation of a Center;

5 (b) Operational sustainability of the Center, in the terms of licensed
6 faculty-trainers and personnel, equipment, training and laboratory
7 facilities, instructional materials, and other standard requirements of a
8 Center;

9 (c) Sustainable funding source and allocation of the budgetary
10 requirements;

11 (d) Assurance that the training programs offered are fully aligned
12 with the minimum standards of competency-based quality technical-
13 vocational skills technology and the needs of the host area and adjacent
14 communities served within the context of the Association of Southeast
15 Asia Nations (ASEAN) Integration and the Philippine Qualifications
16 framework for TVET; and

17 (e) Compliance with such other TESDA conditionalities and
18 standard, as may be necessary and applicable in establishing a Center.

19 SEC. 6. *Administration.* - The Center shall be headed by a
20 Technical-Vocational Administrator who shall be under the supervision of
21 the TESDA, render full-time service and be responsible for its
22 administration and operation.

23 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the
24 TESDA Director General in accordance with the rules and regulations of
25 the Civil Service Commission and the qualification requirements for such
26 office.

27 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into agreements
28 with locally-based private and public counterpart agencies or
29 instrumentalities and persons, subject to the approval of the TESDA

1 Director General, for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively
2 implement this Act.

3 SEC. 7. *Appropriation.* - The TESDA Director General shall include
4 in the Authority's program the operation of the Center, the funding of
5 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

6 The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA shall set aside
7 from any available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual
8 counterpart fund to support the operation of the Center herein established.

9 SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90)
10 days after the approval of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with
11 the DOLE, DTI, DOST, DA Department of Budget and Management,
12 DILG, NEDA, concerned LGUs, and such other relevant agencies and
13 industry-business partners of the host locality, prepare and issue the
14 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of the
15 Act.

16 SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* - If, for any reason, any section or
17 provision of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other
18 sections or provisions thereof shall not be affected and shall remain in
19 force and effect.

20 SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, executive orders, decrees,
21 instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any
22 provision of this Act are repealed or amended accordingly.

23 SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
24 its publication on the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
25 circulation.

26 *Approved,*