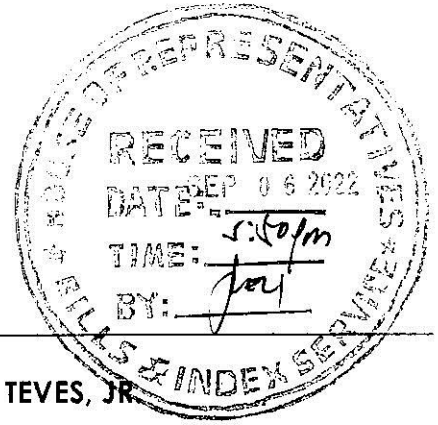


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

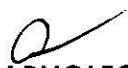
Section 4 Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that;

Sec. 4. The prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people. The Government may call upon the people to defend the State and, in the fulfillment thereof, all citizens may be required under conditions provided by law, to render personal, military or civil service.

The abovementioned Constitutional provision have never been truer in view of the natural disaster both manmade and natural causes, that the Philippines have experienced during these past year. From Covid 19, super typhoons, earthquakes, volcanic eruption and to the incursion of foreigners to our National Territory, name it our country has already experienced these disasters and what could be more fitting in times like these is the activation of our Reserved Officer Training Corps for easier deployment in the event the our law enforcers or the military needs augmentation force.

While the passage of R.A 9163, which effectively abolished the mandatory character of ROTC in our educational system, was lauded, experts noted that enrollment to other civic duties over ROTC have been significantly higher. This was due to the fact that currently ROTC is not mandatory which made students decide to enroll in other forms of civic duty. While it is not wrong to enroll in other forms of civic duty, the State must once again make mandatory the enrollment of all students in Grade 11 and 12 in ROTC for our country to have a sufficient reserve officers to call to render military service when warranted by national circumstance, whether as response to any national security threat or national emergency. And further this proposal aims to enhance the capacity of the country to produce the needed manpower and to extend its human resources in times of war, calamities, disasters, and national or local emergencies.

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


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15 AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING
16 COURSE IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
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18 SECTION 1. TITLE

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20 This Act shall be known as the ROTC Act of 2022.
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22 SECTION 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY

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24 It is the policy of the state to call upon its citizens to defend the State and in
25 fulfillment thereof, all citizens may be required to render personal, military or civil service.
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27 SECTION 3. COVERAGE

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29 The Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) shall be mandatory to all male tertiary
30 Filipino students enrolled in public and private educational institution. The ROTC shall form
31 part of all baccalaureate degree courses and two year technical or vocational courses
32 as a requisite of graduation.
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1 **SECTION 4. MANDATORY COVERAGE**

2 The Department of National Defense (DND) shall prescribed a training program for
3 the ROTC. Universities, college and similar learning institutions shall request for the
4 conduct of military training in their respective schools through the DND for the purpose of
5 producing enlisted and officer reservist
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7 The Secretary of the National Defense and the Department of Education must
8 prescribe the ROTC program to prepare male students to military service. Such course of
9 instruction shall not exceed sixty consecutive days of summer instruction in the case of
10 enlisted reservists and four academic years, in the case of officer reservists which shall
11 include the necessary summer or probationary training of not more than sixty consecutive
12 days.
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14 The ROTC course of instruction for the enlisted reservist which shall be mandatory
15 shall be referred to as the Basic ROTC, while the course of instruction for the officer
16 reservist, which is voluntary shall be referred to as Advance Rotc. The allocation of ROTC
17 units to the various services of the AFP shall conform to the projected manpower needs of
18 their respective reserve components.
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20 **SECTION 5. Persons Disqualified or Exempted**

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22 The following students are disqualified or exempted from the coverage of this Act;
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24 5.1. students who are physically or psychologically unfit as certified by a medical
25 personnel of the university or educational institution concerned;
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27 5.2. Those who have undergone or is currently undergoing similar military training.
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29 5.3. Those who are in the seminary or members of the clergy.
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31 5.4. Dual Citizens
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1 **SECTION 6. INCENTIVES**

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Any student who will enroll in the ROTC Program shall be provided by the AFP of one set of uniform including but not limited to Type "A" uniform including combat boots.

Any student who will graduate from Basic ROTC Training and Advance ROTC Program may, subject to existing laws, policy or regulation, be eligible for commissionship or lateral entry and enlistment in the AFP, PNP, PCG, BJMP and the BFP.

Any student who will undergo Basic ROTC and those enrolled in Advance ROTC shall be provided with free hospitalization of their choice in case of accident or injury during the training. The educational institution shall provide an insurance for students undergoing ROTC.

SECTION 7. ESTABLISHMENT OF ROTC GRIEVANCE BOARD

Any educational institution must establish an ROTC Grievance and Ethics Board who shall oversee and receive any complaint by students enrolled in ROTC. This shall be composed of a representative from the DND, one from Dep. Ed, a representative from the School and a representative from the Parents Teachers Association, or any similar organization.

The Grievance and Ethics Committee shall function as an independent investigative body which shall formulate the recommendation to the proper disciplinary authority that has jurisdiction over the respondent, depending on whether such person belong to the military for which purpose, the articles of war shall be employed. For school officials and or employees of public educational institutions, the provisions of R.A 6713 or the Conduct of Public Officers and Employees and other relevant laws on the matter shall be applied. For private individuals, the respective Code of Ethics or Code of Conduct or any similar regulations of their own private institution shall be implemented. This is without prejudice to the filing of administrative or criminal cases as the case may be.

1 **SECTION 8. MANDATORY EVALUATION REVIEW**

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3 The DND and DepEd shall jointly conduct and annual review and submit report to
4 Congress on the status of implementation of the program one year after its full
5 implementation and annually or every first week of May.

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7 **SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES**

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9 The DND, DepEd and CHED shall within sixty days from the approval of this Act
10 come up with Rules to implement this Act.

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12 **SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE**

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14 Provisions of R.A 9163 otherwise known as the National Service Training Act of 2001 is
15 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly. All laws decrees, executive orders,
16 rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
17 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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19 **SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY**

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21 This Act shall take effect Fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a
22 national newspaper of general circulation.

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24 Approved.

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