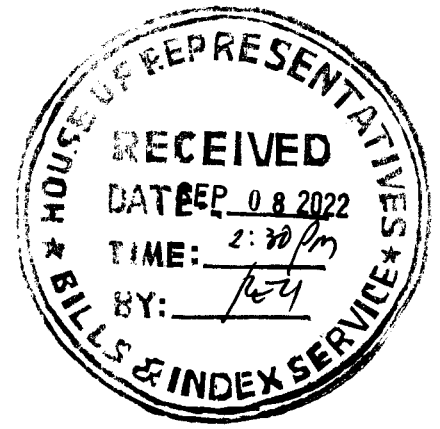


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In times of peace and tranquility, or of war and peril, in any given era, a nation's arsenal must be loaded with the strength, intelligence, camaraderie, patriotism, and love of its people. For decades, the Philippines has not been involved in international war. But it has faced its own serious threats and major attacks from domestic terrorist groups. Furthermore, recent international conflicts have directly or indirectly affected the Philippines. Now is therefore not the time to be complacent. Peace will not sustain itself. Although it can be said that we are still in a peaceful era, the Philippines must prepare its citizenry especially the youth.

The young generation is already being perceived as indifferent to the affairs of the nation. That notion, whether true or not, will definitely be addressed through the immersion of the students under the Makabayan Training Program (MTP). The MTP will not only prepare young Filipinos for war, but for any civil disaster, unrest, and other calamities. Moreover, this bill will allow Grades 11 and 12 students to be more socially-equipped for nation-building, and instill in them the love of country. In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the “Makabayan Training Program Act”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — The 1987 Constitution allows the Government to 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. It is also the policy of the State to rear the youth by helping them realize their fullest potential, and developing their skills, talents, and abilities for nation-building.

SECTION 3. *Establishment of the Makabayan Training Program.* — There is hereby established a Makabayan Training Program (MTP) which is an immersion program that will form part of the curricula of Grades 11 to 12 under the Senior High School Education of all public and private educational institutions. The MTP shall be mandatory for all Grades 11 and 12 students and shall consist of the following parts:

- (a) The Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC);
- (b) First Responders’ Service Training (FiRST); and
- (c) Environmental and Community Service Training (EnCoST).

For the proper integration into the Senior High Education, the Makabayan Training Board, in consultation with experts on the respective fields of ROTC, FiRST, and EnCoST, shall be responsible for the curriculum mapping of the MTP.

The ROTC under MTP shall inculcate patriotism, love for country, Filipino virtues, adherence to the Constitution and laws. It shall aim to prepare and equip students with basic military skills needed in the event the State faces national threats and other perils to its security. The First Responders' Service Training shall educate students to properly react to small or large-scale natural or man-made disasters, calamities, *force majeure*, and other similar incidents. The Environmental and Community Service shall immerse students into activities that will benefit communities of the poor and needy, and the preservation of natural resources.

SECTION 4. *Establishment of the Makabayan Training Board.* — There is hereby established a Makabayan Training Board (MTB) which shall oversee and direct the implementation of the MTP. It shall likewise be empowered to maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the MTP throughout the whole country.

It shall be composed of four (4) members: the Secretary of Education as the Chairperson as an ex-officio member, and the other three (3) members are Undersecretaries of the Department of National Defense, Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, and Department of Social and Welfare Development, to be chosen by their respective Secretaries.

In formulating the proper programs for each part of the MTP, the MTB shall coordinate with the Commission on Higher Education, and other public and private entities concerned. Once the MTB has finished the manual for MTP, it shall be fully integrated into the Senior High education for Grades 11 and 12. Furthermore, the MTB shall periodically assess the MTB for at least twice in every three (3) years, and ensure that the MTP remains to be effective and relevant.

SECTION 5. *Makabayan Certificate, Graduates, Awardees.* — Every student who finishes the MTP shall receive a Makabayan Certificate which shall be a requisite for admission to any tertiary education in the Philippines. Every concerned school shall hold a recognition program for its MTP graduates wherein the top five (5) performing students shall be specially recognized. Furthermore, the same top five (5) students shall be awarded the following:

- (1) Civil Service Eligibility once they finish tertiary education;
- (2) A cash allowance of at least 8,000 pesos per semester once they start tertiary education;
- (3) A special cash incentive of at least 10,000 pesos and 7,000 pesos for the Top 1 and 2 performing students, respectively; and
- (4) Such other awards and/or incentives that the MTB will allow.

SECTION 6. *Coverage and Exemptions.* — All students of Grades 11 and 12 under the Senior High Education are required to undergo the MTP regardless of sex, gender identity, religion, and/or beliefs, except for (1) national athletes, and (2) those with physical and/or mental disabilities. To apply for the first exemption, the concerned student must

secure a certificate from the government office or agency concerned certifying the National Athlete status. For the second exemption, the concerned student or, if necessary, a representative shall secure the medical certificate from any government or private health facility. In any case, the MTB or through its authorized representative shall provide the guidelines for exemption and be the final authority to approve or disapprove the application for exemption.

SECTION 7. *Creation of Makabayan Reserve Corps.* — There is hereby created a Makabayan Reserve Corps, to be composed of all MTP graduates. Members of this Corps may be tapped by the State in cases of war, calamity, and other national emergencies.

SECTION 8. *Transitory Provisions.* — Upon implementation of the MTP, only the Grade 11 students of the incoming school year shall be required to be a part of the program. The National Service Training Program shall remain in force and effect for a period of three (3) years from the implementation of the MTP; *provided*, that the first batch of MTP graduates shall not be required to be a part of the NSTP upon enrollment in any baccalaureate degree or at least two (2)-year technical-vocational courses in public and private educational institutions.

SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* If any of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and in effect.

SECTION 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulation.* The MTB shall, within ninety (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate rules and regulations to faithfully implement the intent and provisions of this Act.

SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* Republic Act No. 9163 is hereby repealed, subject to Section 8, of this Act, whereas Section 35 of Commonwealth Act No. 1, Executive Order No.207 of 1939, Sections 2 and 3 of Presidential Decree No. 1706, and Sections 38 and 39 of Republic Act No. 7077, as well as all laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least one (1) national newspaper of general circulation, whichever date comes earlier.

Approved,