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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, the unemployment rate in the country is at 6% and underemployment rate is at 14.5% in May 2022. Among those numbers are the millions of college graduates. One of the biggest challenges Filipino graduates face is finding employment opportunities. For many, the gap between their graduation and their first job spans from months to years. Therefore, bringing employment opportunities to our college students paves the way to bridge that gap.

Conducting job fairs is a good way to alleviate unemployment in the country. It allows prospective employers to find future employees from the graduating class of a senior high school class, college, or university.

This Act, which had been previously filed by Rep. Salvador Belaro in the 17th Congress, seeks to institutionalize the conduct of job fairs in all schools in the country and to strengthen the capacity of schools to do so.


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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HOLDING OF JOB FAIRS IN ALL
COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Job Fair Act of 2022"

SEC. 2. All colleges and universities, as well as all technical-vocational schools are mandated to hold a job fair at least once a year. In the said job fair, the concerned college or university will invite all prospective employers from the locality where the school is located and elsewhere to scout for possible future employees from their graduating students for that year.

SEC. 3. In the same manner, all schools offering senior high schools as well as are likewise mandated to hold such job fair at least once a year for the graduating senior class.

SEC. 4. For this purpose, the existing Guidance and Counselling Offices of schools and/or Guidance Counsellors. If any, of all schools shall be given the duty of organizing and coordinating such job fairs. If there is no such office in the school, the school head shall appoint one of the members of the teaching staff to do so.

SEC. 5. The Department of Education (DepEd) shall be tasked with formulating and issuing the implementing rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. The funds necessary to carry out provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 7. All laws, order, issuance rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,