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HOUSE BILL NO. 6127



Introduced by Representative Isidro T. Ungab

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) district office in Davao City to provide training programs and services to more clients in the region.

TESDA was established through the enactment of Republic Act No. 7796, otherwise known as the "*Technical Education and Skills Development Act of 1994*," to encourage the full participation of and mobilize the industry, labor, local government units and technical-vocational institutions in the skills development of the country's human resources.

TESDA has implemented various reforms on industry-based training programs, and provided assistance on apprenticeship, dual training system and other similar services. Guided by its principle, "*TESDA Abot Lahat*," TESDA compassionately extended its reach to provide relevant, efficient, accessible and quality technical education and skills development programs and services through its regional and provincial offices. TESDA has consistently earned high trust and approval ratings from the people, through its uninterrupted services throughout the years.

However, as the population grows, more and more clients are seeking technical education and skills development programs and services, and TESDA acknowledges that it cannot accommodate all these clients due to lack of personnel, sheer volume of clients and the geographical size of the service area of provincial offices.

In Davao region, the TESDA Provincial Office of Davao del Sur covers the City of Davao, which is one of the service areas with the largest clients availing of the Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programs and services. The number of training institutions registered under the Unified TVET Program Registration and Accreditation System (UPRAS), number of technical vocational and training institutions, and number of accredited assessment centers and competent assessors and trainers and targets are greater in Davao del Sur compared to other provinces within the region. The purpose of TESDA Abot Lahat program to reach out and serve more clients may not be completely and effectively achieved in certain areas like Davao City, due to its geographical size and large population growth rate. Further, it is necessarily underscored that there are only seven (7) regular personnel that implement, coordinate and monitor the delivery of TVET programs both in Davao City and in the province of Davao del Sur. Most of these challenges are likewise felt and experienced in other provinces in the different regions in the country. Moreover, Davao City is now a highly urbanized city, which needs to be catered separately from the Provincial Office based in Digos, Davao del Sur.

Premises considered, the establishment of a district office in Davao City is clearly necessary in order to bolster TESDA *Abot Lahat* Program, in its aims to expand and strengthen its mandate and services to all, reach out and serve new partners and clients with a clear objective, and transform and improve the lives of poor Filipinos. Having a TESDA district office in Davao City will not only help the agency evolve into an organization that is responsive, effective and efficient in delivering myriad services to its clients but will also accomplish its multi-pronged mission geared towards yielding the highest impact on manpower development in various areas, industry sectors and institutions. It is high time to allow TESDA to establish a district office in Davao City and upgrade its personnel for a seamless implementation, monitoring and coordination of all its programs and services.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is urgently sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN DAVAO CITY
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) district office in Davao City, to be known as the TESDA Davao City District Office. It is headed by a district director who shall have the rank and emoluments of a Director II, and is under the direct control of the TESDA director-general.

SEC. 2. The TESDA Davao City District Office shall have the following functions:

1. Serve as secretariat to district TESDA committees;
2. Provide technical assistance to local government units for effective supervision, coordination, integration and monitoring of technical-vocational education and training programs within their localities;

3. Review and recommend TESDA programs for implementation within the locality; and

4. Perform such other functions and duties as may be authorized.

The area covered by TESDA Davao City District Office is removed from the area covered by the TESDA Provincial Office of Davao del Sur.

SEC. 3. Other officers and employees of the district office are the supervising technical education and skills development (TESD) specialist, senior TESD specialist, administrative officer V, TESD specialist II, administrative officer IV, TESD specialist I, administrative assistant III, and administrative aide IV.

The positions and corresponding salary grades are as follows:

Positions	Salary Grades
Director II	26
Supervising TESD Specialist	22
Senior TESD Specialist	19
Administrative Officer V	18
TESD Specialist II	16
Administrative Officer IV	15
TESD Specialist I	13
Administrative Assistant III	9
Administrative Aide IV	4

The director-general shall appoint the officers and employees of the district office, subject to existing civil service laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the initial operation of the TESDA Davao City District Office shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,