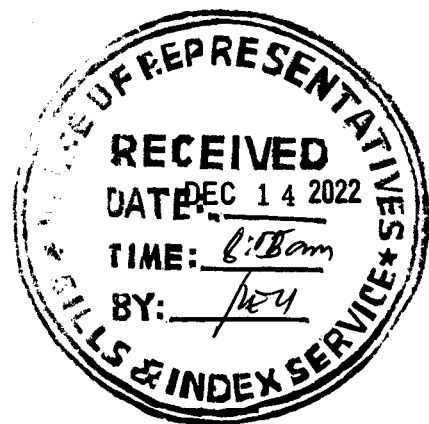




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HOUSE BILL NO. 6674

Introduced by Representative DAVID "Jay-Jay" C. SUAREZ and Representative ANNA MARIE VILLARAZA- SUAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), millennials aged 21 to 28 and generation Z aged 0 to 20 constitute around 70 percent of the country's population. Between these age groups, about 40 million Generation Z Filipinos comprise the biggest segment of our population. In Quezon Province, 800,794 out of the 856,582 total population of the Province of Quezon belongs to the age bracket of 10 to 29 years old based on a PSA report in 2015.

The government, having foreseen growth of the younger population in the near future, has enacted laws that recognize the value and role of our youth in nation-building, and as future leaders of our nation. But in order to pursue this, the authors have identified several items that need to be resolved based on RA 10742¹ or "An Act Establishing Reforms in the Sangguniang Kabataan creating enabling mechanisms for meaningful youth participation in Nation-Building, and for other purposes" and its accompanying Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)².

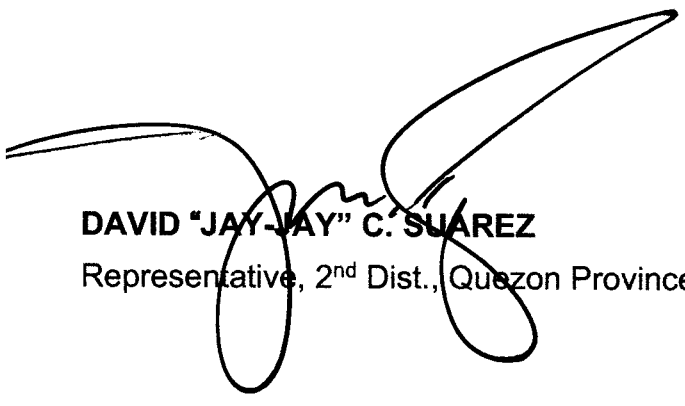
Rule IV section 26 of the IRR discusses the creation of Local Youth Development Offices (LYDOs) and explains that in the event that the concerned LGU does not have sufficient funds to do so, it may temporarily designate existing personnel to serve this purpose until it is able to create and fund the office. This has led to many provinces, municipalities, and cities to operate on a limited capacity, hampering the intent of the law and limiting the ability of the LYDOs to promote and implement their respective Youth Development Plans at their respective levels.

¹ <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2016/01/15/republic-act-no-10742/>

² <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/images/uploads/2016-IRR-RA-10742-SK.pdf>

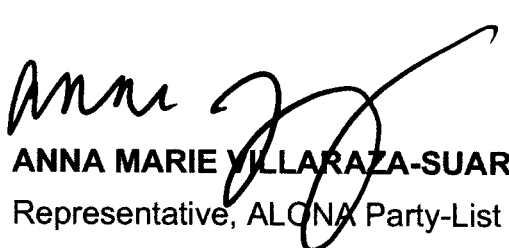
Additionally, the *Sangguniang Kabataan* at the city, municipal, and provincial levels do not enjoy the same convenience in terms of funding as their counterparts at the Barangay level who operate and derive its funding from the Barangay itself³. Often, these SK Federations do not get the funding and priority they need at their level.

This Act shall encourage our youth to be more active in society and inculcate in them the eagerness and desire to serve the nation. This shall also support the existing laws beneficial to the youth and continue to enact laws that will continue to capacitate and benefit them.



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³ Under Section 20, item (a), <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/images/uploads/2016-IRR-RA-10742-SK.pdf>



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**THE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUPPORT (YES) LAW
OR AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE LEADERSHIP AND NATION-BUILDING OF THE FILIPINO YOUTH
AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as "The Youth Empowerment Support (YES) Law" or "An Act Strengthening the leadership and nation- building of the Filipino Youth and Appropriating Funds Therefor".

SEC. 2. This Act shall have the primary purpose of further solidifying existing laws that strengthen and reform the role and importance of the youth in governance and nation-building.

This Act further aims to appropriate additional funding of 2-5% from both the provincial government and the city or municipality where the barangay is situated depending on the classification of the Local Government Unit (LGU). This is in addition to the 10% already allocated in the general funds of the Barangay.

LGU Classification (Province, City, and Municipality)	Proposed Additional Funding
First Class Province, Municipality, and Highly Urbanized Cities	Five Percent (5%)
Second Class Province, Municipality, and Independent Cities	Five Percent (5%)
Third Class Province, Municipality, and Component Cities	Three Percent (3%)
Fourth Class Province and Municipality	Three Percent (3%)
Fifth Class Province and Municipality	Two Percent (2%)
Sixth Class Province and Municipality	Two Percent (2%)

SEC. 3. This Act shall give priority to programs, projects, and activities under the Comprehensive Barangay Youth Development Plan and Annual Barangay Investment Programs that promote and are aligned with the Philippine Youth Development Plan (PYDP) such as health, education, culture, sports, environment, global mobility, active citizenship, governance, social equality and inclusion in peace-building and security, human rights, gender equality and economic empowerment.

SEC. 4. There shall be a Youth Development Office in every province, city, and municipality as incorporated in Section 25 of Republic Act 11768. There shall be in every province, city and municipality a Youth Development Office which shall be headed by a youth development officer with the rank of at least division chief.

SEC. 5. The National Youth Commission (NYC) shall be expressly designated to be in charge of the following: a. trainings - capacitating and providing advanced education to Local Youth Development Office (LYDO); and b. Policy Development on the operationalization and development of the LYDO.

The execution and implementation of this Act shall be under the direct supervision of the NYC in coordination with the Local Government Unit concerned as well as other relevant and appropriate government bodies and/ or agencies.

SEC. 6. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in coordination with other concerned agencies shall prepare a developmental plan appropriate to improve and strengthen the youth's leadership and nation-building.

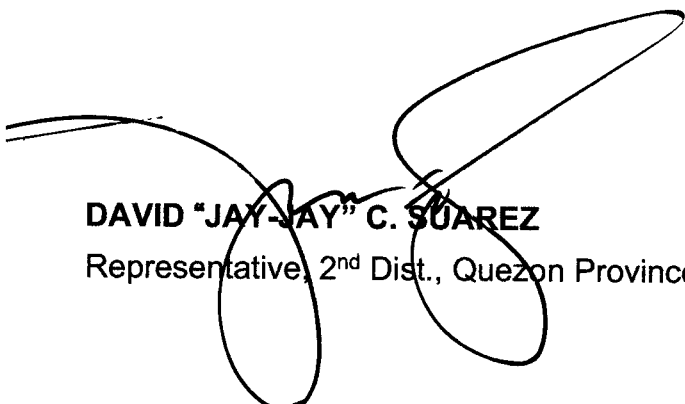
SEC. 7. The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall include in their Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and shall augment such allocation internally generated funds of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

SEC. 8. The Secretary of Interior and Local Government after the effectivity of this Act, shall in consultation with the other concerned agencies as well as the youth sectors shall promulgate the necessary and appropriate rules and regulations for the proper and effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 9. All laws, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees, and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

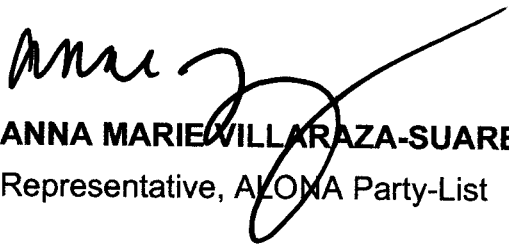
SEC. 10. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,



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