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HOUSE BILL NO. 10577



Introduced by
HON. ATTY. GERVILLE “JINKY BITRICS” R. LUISTRO

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN (SK)
HUBS IN EACH BARANGAY TO SERVE AS SK OFFICES AND ACTIVITY CENTER**

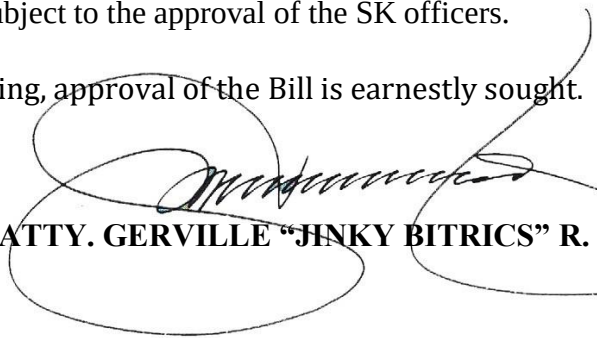
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution emphasizes the crucial role of youth in nation-building and the importance of instilling in them the values of patriotism and nationalism, while also encouraging their involvement in public and civic affairs. In line with this, Republic Act No. 10742, known as the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015, underscores that these objectives are primarily achieved through youth participation in local governance. This led to the restoration of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) after its suspension prior to the 2013 barangay elections.

As representatives of the youth within barangays, the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) members currently carry out their duties without a designated space in barangay halls, which are predominantly used by regular barangay officials. To better serve the interests and amplify the voice of the youth, it is essential to provide the SK with a dedicated venue. This venue would not only serve as the workspace for SK officials but also as a welcoming and supportive environment for youth constituents seeking assistance. Furthermore, it would facilitate the implementation of SK projects and programs, including events and activities initiated by the SK.

Therefore, this bill proposes the establishment of a separate structure in each barangay, exclusively for the use of SK officials, to be known as the SK Hub. Besides serving as the office and activity center for SK, the SK Hub could also function as an evacuation center for barangay residents during calamities and disasters, and as a venue for barangay-related activities, subject to the approval of the SK officers.

In view of the foregoing, approval of the Bill 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 otherwise be known as “Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Hub Act of 2024.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy* — The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being while endeavoring to instill patriotism and nationalism, encouraging their active involvement in public and civic affairs. Towards this end, the State shall capacitate and empower the youth, provide them with essential resources, and acknowledge their active and innovative participation in nation-building within their capacity as future leaders.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Hubs* — To implement this policy, a separate structure designated exclusively for the use of SK officials, to be named the SK Hub, shall be established in each barangay. The construction of the SK Hub shall comply with the prevailing building safety standards of the country as outlined in Presidential Decree No. 1096, also known as the National Building Code. The SK Hub shall be designed with appropriate specifications and equipped with the necessary facilities to ensure its optimal functionality.

SEC. 4. *Functions of SK Hubs* - The SK Hubs will function as the dedicated workspace for SK officials, who will have full discretion over its use. This includes, but is not limited to, hosting capacity-building training and seminars, implementing SK programs, and conducting SK-initiated events and activities. Additionally, the SK Hub may serve as an evacuation center for barangay residents during calamities and disasters. It can also be used for other purposes, such as hosting barangay-related events, provided that such use is duly approved by the SK officials.

SEC. 5. *Appropriation* - The amount necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, executive orders, administrative orders, rules, regulations, decrees, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby revoked, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause* - If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue in operation and remain in full force and effect,

SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in the two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,