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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) training and accreditation center in the Municipality of Hinunangan, Province of Southern Leyte, to be known as the "*Hinunangan TESDA Training and Assessment Center.*"

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) plays a crucial role in providing high-quality technical-vocational education and training (TVET) to Filipino workers. TESDA's programs equip individuals with the necessary skills to secure employment, both domestically and internationally.

The Province of Southern Leyte is faced with challenges related to unemployment and underemployment especially for those who come from disadvantaged families. This bill seeks to address these challenges by establishing a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Hinunangan, Southern Leyte. The proposed Training and Assessment Center will provide more accessible and high-quality technical-vocational education to the residents of Hinunangan and all neighboring municipalities in Southern Leyte thereby increasing employment opportunities for our constituents.

By bringing TESDA's resources and expertise directly to Hinunangan and the Province of Southern Leyte, this bill aims to create a transformative impact on the local community, opening doors to new opportunities and paving the way for sustainable economic growth in the region. This will provide the constituents of our district a great opportunity for them to be more productive and competitive in the skills market.

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

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUHTORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HINUNANGAN, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "*HINUNANGAN TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER"* AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. ***Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Accreditation Center.*** – There is hereby established a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) training and accreditation center in the Municipality of Hinunangan, Province of Southern Leyte, to be known as the *"Hinunangan Training and Assessment Center,"* herein referred to as *Center* under the control and supervision of the TESDA.

SEC. 2. ***General Mandate*** – The Center shall primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills development programs to students from low-income families and out-of-school youths in the Municipality of Hinunangan, as well as the entire Province of Southern Leyte. It shall develop the students to

become productive, self-reliant and globally-competitive skilled labor workers, in order to boost the social and economic development of the Municipality of Hinunangan and the Province of Southern Leyte, as well as to meet the demand of local and international labor markets.

The Center shall also serve as a TESDA-accredited Assessment Center for acquired competencies in TVET programs in the Municipality of Hinunangan and the Province of Southern Leyte. The Center shall, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), render teachers' capability building programs and curriculum design to the secondary schools in the Municipality of Hinunangan and the Province of Southern Leyte offering technical-vocational and livelihood track under the K to 12 Program of the DepEd.

SEC. 3. ***Curricular Offerings.*** – The Center shall address the skills development priorities of the Municipality of Hinunangan and the Province of Southern Leyte. It shall offer short-term courses in referred market-driven and relevant technical-vocational courses within its areas of specialization, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Employment, the industries and other relevant agencies, both local and international.

The Center may likewise establish research and development centers, technology development farms, and mobile training programs throughout the Province of Southern Leyte to strengthen linkages between the industry, academe, and the technology programs.

SEC. 4. ***Site.*** – The Center shall be established on a site in the Municipality of Hinunangan, Province of Southern Leyte, which is highly accessible pursuant to the purposes of this Act, and upon the mutual agreement between the TESDA and the Local Government of Hinunangan.

SEC 5. ***Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern.*** – The Center shall adopt the organizational structure and staffing pattern of a TESDA regional training center in accordance with the existing guidelines of the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission.

The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational Administrator under the supervision of the TESDA who shall be appointed by the TESDA Director-General in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the qualification requirements of the TESDA for such office.

The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall render full-time services and shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the Center.

SEC. 6. **Appropriations. -** The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriation of the TESDA. The Director-General of the TESDA shall include in the Authority's program the implementation of this Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

The Municipality of Hinunangan, in consultation with the TESDA, shall likewise set aside from any available local revenue an amount deemed to be appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of the Center.

SEC. 7. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations***. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Director General of TESDA shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor and Employment, Secretary of Trade and Industry, Secretary of Science and Technology, the Mayor of Hinunangan, and such other relevant government agencies, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 8. ***Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining part or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in force.

SEC. 9. ***Repealing Clause*** - All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances or portions thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. ***Effectivity*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,