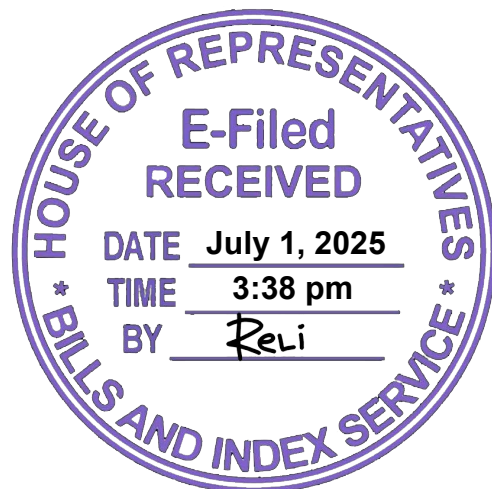




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House Bill No. **941**



Introduced by Representative SHIRLYN L. BAÑAS-NOGRALES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) District Office in General Santos City.

Currently, the substantial technical and vocational education and training (TVET) needs of institutions and stakeholders in both General Santos City and the Province of Sarangani are being served by the TESDA SarGen Office, which covers both areas. However, these needs would be more effectively addressed through the creation of a separate TESDA District Office in General Santos City. This will ensure that the distinct requirements of each locality are properly attended to, without diminishing the dedicated service to Sarangani.

Moreover, General Santos City was classified as a highly urbanized city on September 5, 1988, and is thus completely independent of both South Cotabato and Sarangani Provinces from fiscal, administrative, political, and legal standpoints.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (TESDA) DISTRICT OFFICE IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY, TO BE
KNOWN AS TESDA GENERAL SANTOS CITY DISTRICT OFFICE,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. A regular district office of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) is hereby created in General Santos City, to be known as “TESDA General Santos City District Office”.

Section 2. The Secretary General of TESDA shall immediately include in the Authority’s program the operationalization of a regular TEDSA District Office, the initial funding of which shall charged against the current year’s appropriation of the existing provincial office. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operations of the regular TESDA District Office shall be included in the annual GAA.

Section 3. The Secretary General of TESDA shall issue such rules and refigulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,