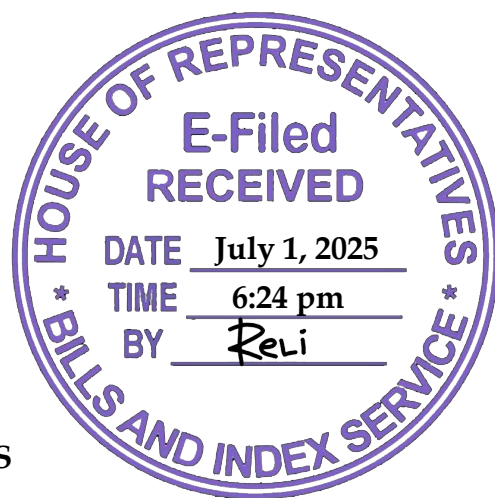




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Enshrined in our Constitution is the role of the State in the vital participation of the youth in nation-building, including the commitment to promote and safeguard their holistic development, covering physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social dimensions. This commitment is further underscored by the passing of RA 10742, known as the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015," which states that the State has the responsibility of creating effective mechanisms and support systems specifically devised to ensure the substantive and meaningful engagement of the youth in both local governance and broader nation-building endeavors.

Pivotal for the efficient, effective, and meaningful participation of the youth is a dedicated space for SK officials where they can effectively, efficiently, and successfully perform their duties and responsibilities. Hence, this bill proposes the establishment of Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Hubs in every barangay nationwide that shall serve as their offices and for other purposes relevant to their official functions, such as youth-oriented programs, activities, and projects. The proposed SK Hubs shall serve a dual purpose: (a) as a dedicated space to facilitate the

cultivation of independence and personal responsibility, allowing youth to effectively manage their environment, resources, and time—an essential skill set, especially in the role of being a public servant; and (b) as dynamic venues for the planning and execution of youth-centric programs, events, and initiatives, thereby furnishing a vibrant platform for the articulation of youth concerns and aspirations.

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



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

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”

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 carry out the above policy, there shall be a separate structure in each barangay for the exclusive use of SK officials, and it shall be named the SK Hub. It shall be constructed in strict adherence to the prevailing building safety standards of the

country as stated in Presidential Decree No. 1096, or the National Building Code, and it shall be designed with specifications and equipped with the necessary facilities to ensure its optimal functionality.

SEC. 4. *Functions of SK Hubs.* — The SK Hubs shall serve as the worksite of SK officials who shall have sole discretion on its usage, including, but not limited to, capacity-building training and seminars, the implementation of SK programs, and SK-initiated events and activities. The SK Hub may serve as an evacuation center for barangay residents during calamities and disasters. It may also serve other purposes, such as an events place for barangay-related activities: *Provided*, That its usage is duly approved by the SK officials.

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

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* — If any portion or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified, or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,