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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution provides that *“the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.”*

Education is the key to escape poverty however, not everyone has access to it. The development of any nation's human capital is based on the accessibility or availability of education. The level of a nation's human capital, which is developed through education, determines how that nation develops on a global scale. With that said, Calamba City has forty six (46) TESDA Accredited Schools and Training Centers, in spite of this, most of these accredited TESDA Schools and Training Centers are located in the lowland areas which are inconvenient or not accessible to some people living in the upland areas of Calamba City.

Being a haven for industries and is considered as the heart of CALABARZON due to numerous employment opportunities, the City of Calamba is one of the premiere industrial hubs outside Metro Manila and it is imperative upon the governing body to provide mechanisms that will support the residents of Calamba City, especially those living in the upland areas to have accessibility to such programs and to become more self-reliant and competitive in the skills market.

This bill seeks to establish a training and assessment center that will help promote technical-vocational programs for the residents of Calamba City living in remote areas and for them to have equal access to these learning opportunities.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN CALAMBA
CITY, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “CALAMBA CITY
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. Title - This Act shall be known as the “Calamba City TESDA Training and Assessment Center Act”

SEC. 2. Establishment - There is hereby established a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in Calamba City, Province of Laguna, to be known as the Calamba City TESDA Training and Assessment Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center. It shall be established in a highly accessible location in Barangay Canlubang, Calamba City, Province of Laguna pursuant to the purposes of this Act and to the mutual agreement between TESDA and the concerned local government units (LGUs)

SEC. 3. General Mandate - The Center shall primarily provide technical-vocational education training (TVET) programs to students and local residents from low-income families and out-of-school youths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous people in Calamba

City and the neighboring localities in the Province of Laguna, to help them become productive, self-reliant and globally competitive labor assets.

The Center shall offer training programs on relevant skills, trade competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities needed to deliver the effective employment interventions that will hasten the development of the host area and the adjacent localities in the Province of Laguna into a human resource and productivity hub.

The Center shall serve as a TESDA-accredited Assessment Center for acquired competencies in TVET programs in Calamba City and adjacent localities in the Province of Laguna. It shall also provide teachers' training and curriculum design assistance to secondary schools offering the technical-vocational livelihood (TVL) track under the K to 12 Program in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the TESDA.

SEC. 4. *Training Programs* - The Center shall offer short-term certificate courses and modular training in preferred technical-vocational skills and trades specialization. To this end, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), National and Economic Development Authority (NEDA), business- industry partners, and other relevant agencies and instrumentalities, both local and international, shall provide the necessary assistance to enable the Center to develop skilled manpower to achieve a robust and inclusive economy in the host areas and adjacent localities.

SEC. 5. *Compliance with TESDA Requirements*. - The provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the Center shall become operational only upon determination and declaration of the TESDA, through the issuance of a formal recommendation and certificate of compliance that the Center has individually and satisfactorily complied with the minimum requirements for quality standards prescribed by TESDA.

SEC. 6. *Administration* - The Calamba City TESDA Training and Accreditation Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational Administrator under the supervision of the TESDA. The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director-General in accordance with civil service rules and regulations and the qualification requirements of the TESDA.

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

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The Director-General of the TESDA shall include in the Authority's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA, in coordination with the DOLE, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the concerned LGU, and such other relevant agencies, shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and shall thereby remain in force and effect.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,