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HOUSE BILL NO. 6308



Introduced by **HON. BRIAN RAYMUND S. YAMSUAN**

**AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE BY
IMPROVING THE MANDATORY AND CONTINUING TRAINING PROGRAMS
FOR SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS, AMENDING SECTIONS 28 AND
29 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015," AS AMENDED BY
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11768**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.¹ One of the key ways we ensure the meaningful participation of the youth in public affairs is through their inclusion in local governance. Consistent with these principles, the State enacted the *Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015* and its subsequent amendments.

Among the responsibilities of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) is to promulgate resolutions to carry out the youth's objectives and to initiate and implement programs and projects to promote the general welfare and empowerment of the youth. To ensure their continued development, the law mandates SK officials and members of the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) to undergo a mandatory training program before assumption of office.

This proposed measure aims to build on current legislation by expanding the mandatory training program to be required annually. This would ensure that within a four-year term, SK officials would benefit from regular and consistent learning

¹ 1987 Constitution, Article II, Section 13.

opportunities. The bill also proposes additional components to the training programs, such as ethical standards, local legislation, and relevant laws and legal principles. By including these topics, we can ensure that our young leaders are not only well-prepared for their duties in local governance, but are also equipped with the fundamental skills, knowledge, and values necessary assume higher leadership roles in the future.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure 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. Sections 28 and 29 of Republic Act No. 10742, as amended by Republic Act No. 11768, otherwise known as the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015", is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 28. Mandatory and Continuing Training Programs. – For the purpose of emphasizing the role of the youth in nation-building and molding them to become better citizens with the values of patriotism, nationalism and honor as a Filipino, any Sangguniang Kabataan official, whether elected or appointed, or any member of the LYDC must undergo the mandatory training programs before he or she can assume office **AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER**. During their incumbency, they must attend **ANNUAL** continuing training programs to be undertaken by the Commission in coordination with the DILG. Deliberate failure to attend the said training programs shall constitute sufficient ground to disqualify said Sangguniang Kabataan official or LYDC member or subject them to disciplinary actions.

SEC. 29. Components of the Mandatory Training Programs; **COMPLETION**
- The Commission and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) with the assistance of the Development Academy of

the Philippines (DAP), the Local Government Academy (LGA), the University of the Philippines-National Colleges of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG), and in consultation with youth stakeholders shall jointly design and implement the mandatory and continuing training programs. The mandatory training programs must include the following components: (a) (1) The Philippine cultural history, political systems, ethics and ideologies; (2) The Filipino as a nation builder; (3) The Filipino youth and its role in nation-building; and (b) capacity building on leadership, **GOVERNANCE, AND ETHICAL STANDARDS; (C) program and project development and sustainability, financial management, and accountability and transparency; AND (D) LOCAL LEGISLATION, RELEVANT LAWS AND LEGAL PRINCIPLES. THE TRAINING PROGRAMS SHALL BE UPDATED ANNUALLY AND THE DIFFICULTY SHALL INCREASE FROM YEAR ONE TO YEAR FOUR, CONSISTENT WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN AND LYDC A PLATFORM FOR TRAINING YOUNG LEADERS IN GOVERNMENT**

The Commission and the DILG may also coordinate with the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and TESDA, for the offering of relevant courses that emphasize the role of education and skills development in nation-building and would further enhance the knowledge, network, and capacity of Sangguniang Kabataan officials and LYDC members to craft and implement relevant youth development plans.

SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS AND LYDC MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE THE MANDATORY TRAINING PROGRAMS BY PASSING A CONCLUDING ASSESSMENT, WHICH SHALL BE A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO RECEIVING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM THE LYDO.

THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AT THE END OF EVERY TRAINING, AND THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION IS A REQUIREMENT BEFORE ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE. FAILURE TO SECURE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION DURING THE TERM OF SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS AND LYDC MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT GROUND TO DISQUALIFY SAID SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIAL OR LYDC MEMBER OR SUBJECT THEM TO DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.

SECTION. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The National Youth Commission, the Department of Local and Interior Government, the Commission on Elections, the Department of Budget and Management, the Commission on Higher Education, the Department of Education, and the Commission on Audit, in

consultation with the local government leagues and various youth organizations and youth-serving organizations shall be tasked to come up, within sixty (60) days upon approval of this Act, with the rules and regulations needed for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION. 3. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION. 4. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION. 6. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,