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HOUSE BILL NO. 6571



Introduced by Representative SITTIE SHAHARA "BAI DIMPLE" I. MASTURA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful

AN

ACT CREATING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN KUDARAT, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN KUDARAT TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

It is the declared policy of the State that the government agency tasked primarily for the formulation, continuation, coordination, implementation and full integration of technical education and skills development, plans and programs is the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority or TESDA for brevity.

The TESDA Act of 1994, officially known as Republic Act No. 7796 established the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to enhance technical education and skills development in the country.

The programs of TESDA focus on technical education and skills development with the goal of raising our level of skills competitiveness to international standards, thus TESDA Training and Assessment Centers are established in order to effectively attain such goal.

This bill seeks the creation of a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in the newly created Province of Maguindanao del Norte, specifically in the Municipality of Sultan Kudarat wherein because of its accessibility, the local residents from all across the province who come from low-income families or who are college drop-outs, or are persons with disabilities are able to avail, secure and learn vocational training

skills and development programs geared towards the acquisition of practicable livelihood and skills for gainful employment and entrepreneurship.

Furthermore, the establishment of a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in the Municipality of Sultan Kudarat, Province of Maguindanao del Norte will promote a more robust socio-economic condition for many of the inhabitants and constituents of the Lone Legislative District of the Province of Maguindanao del Norte.

In view thereof, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Maguindanao del Norte TESDA Training and Assessment Center Act".

SEC. 2 Establishment. – There is hereby established a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) training and assessment center in the Province of Maguindanao del Norte, under the supervision of TESDA, to be known as the Maguindanao del Norte TESDA Training and Assessment Center.

It shall be established in a highly accessible location in the Municipality of Sultan Kudarat, Province of Maguindanao del Norte, pursuant to the purposes of this Act, and to the agreement between TESDA and the concerned local government units (LGUs).

SEC. 3. General Mandate. – The Maguindanao del Norte TESDA Training and Assessment Center hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide technical-vocational education and 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 the Province of Maguindanao del Norte and adjacent localities to help them become productive, self-reliant and globally competitive labor assets.

The Center shall provide effective employment interventions through training programs on relevant skills trade competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities that will help ensure the development of the host area and the adjacent localities in the Province of Maguindanao del Norte into human resource and productivity hubs.

The Center shall serve as a TESDA-accredited Assessment Center for acquired competencies in TVET programs in the Province of Maguindanao del Norte and shall also provide teachers' training and curriculum design assistance to secondary schools offering the technical-vocational livelihood tracks 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 trainings 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), Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDev), 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 area and adjacent localities.

The Center may establish research and technology hubs, technology development farms, satellite or extension training centers, and promote mobile training programs to strengthen linkages among the industry partners, the academe, geared towards the acquisition of practical livelihood, employable skills, gainful employment and entrepreneurship in priority areas in the Province of Maguindanao del Norte.

The Center shall offer the following TVET programs with competencies assessment leading to National Certification Levels I-III:

- a) Skills training in industrial technology and hard trades such as metal and steelwork, machine fabrication and operation, heavy equipment operation automotive mechanic, refrigeration and air conditioning, electronics, and operation of power tools and equipment for both medium skills grade and industrial purposes;
- b) Agriculture and aquaculture-related trainings and skills development in such areas as farming technology, fishing operations technology, backyard farming and home-based aquaculture and propagation innovations, mechanized farm, fishing tools and equipment operation, agribusiness, agri-aqua trade technology and innovations, and relevant farmers and fisherfolk's trainings for increased productivity and entrepreneurship;
- c) Livelihood skills development courses for skills employment and small-scale entrepreneurship, including practical skills education in arts and crafts, workmanship and design, high-speed dressmaking and tailoring horticulture, livestock raising and breeding, food processing technology, home technology, culinary arts and commercial cooking, cosmetology, and health and wellness training;
- d) Basic business literacy training in financial management and marketing, practical accountancy, bookkeeping and office procedures, business processes and application procedures including registration, licensing, documentation, business patent and intellectual property regulation, business financing and opportunities sourcing, import-export accreditation, online business operation and use of social media business marketing;

- e) Technical-vocational occupation and trades skills such as carpentry, masonry, plumbing, welding, practical electricity and installation, automotive servicing, electronics servicing, personal computer servicing and such other relevant practical skills courses;
- f) Computer literacy and information technology-related skills, digital technology, web design, animation, photoshop / online photography, computer design and advertising;
- g) Social communication skills and language proficiency courses in English and 18 other languages for business process outsourcing employment and overseas job placement;
- h) Seminars in personality development, career counseling, job placement and ethic and values; and
- i) Other preferred skills and trades training that may be needed by the people of the Province of Maguindanao del Norte to enhance their capacities for practical livelihood, gainful employment, and entrepreneurial activities.

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

- a) standard procedures and guidelines for the establishment and operation of a Center;
- b) operational sustainability of the Center- in terms of licensed faculty-trainers and personnel, equipment,
- c) training and laboratory facilities, instructional materials, and other standard requirements of a Center;
- d) sustainable funding source and allocation of the budgetary requirement;
- e) full alignment of the training programs offered with the minimum standards of competency-based quality technical-vocational skills technology and the needs of the host area and adjacent communities served within the context of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) integration and the Philippine Qualification Framework for TVET; and
- f) compliance with such other TESDA conditionalities and standards, as may be necessary and applicable in establishing a Center.

SEC. 6. *Administration.* – The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational Administrator who shall be under the supervision of the TESDA, render full-time service and be responsible for the administration and operation.

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

The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into agreements with locally based private and public counterpart agencies or instrumentalities and persons for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act, subject to the approval of the TESDA Director General.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The Director General or the TESDA shall include in the Authority's programs the operation of the Center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall set aside from any available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of the Center herein established.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST, DA, Department of Budget and Management, DILG, DEWDep, the concerned LGUs, and such other relevant agencies and industry-business partners of the host locality, prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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