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HOUSE BILL NO. 9145



Introduced by: Kababaihan Kabalikatan para sa Kapakanan at Kaunlaran ng Bayan (4K) Party-list
Representative Iris Marie D. Montes

AN ACT

MANDATING THE ALIGNMENT OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NYDP) WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs), REQUIRING THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION (NYC) TO PUBLISH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS, AND INSTITUTIONALIZING SDGs LOCALIZATION FOR YOUTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines has committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a universal call to action adopted by the United Nations to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all by 2030. Central to this commitment is the meaningful participation of the youth, who comprise a significant portion of the Philippine population and serve as key drivers of sustainable development.

The National Youth Commission (NYC), pursuant to Republic Act No. 8044, formulates the National Youth Development Plan (NYDP), which serves as the country's blueprint for youth empowerment and participation.

However, the absence of a statutory mandate to align the NYDP with the SDGs has resulted in fragmented implementation, inconsistent monitoring, and missed opportunities to fully harness the potential of the youth in achieving national and global development targets.

This bill, which is pursuant to the recommendations of the University of the Philippines Center for Integrative and Development Studies¹, seeks to institutionalize the alignment of the NYDP with the SDGs by mandating the integration of SDG targets, indicators, and principles into youth development policies, programs, and monitoring systems, thereby ensuring coherence, accountability, and sustainability.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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¹ RA 8044: Why Youth Policy Needs Reform: Assessing the Youth in Nation-Building Act, Bonn Francis A. Mendoza, University of the Philippines Center for Integrative and Development Studies, Policy Brief 2026-01

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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 "Kabataan Kahanay sa Sostenibleng Pag-unlad Act."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and sustainable development. For this purpose, it shall ensure that national youth policies are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and institutionalize youth participation in the achievement of sustainable development outcomes.

SEC. 3. *Mandatory Alignment of the National Youth Development Plan (NYDP) with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).* - The National Youth Commission (NYC) is hereby mandated to:

(a) Ensure that all iterations of the National Youth Development Plan (NYDP) are fully aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

(b) Integrate SDG targets and indicators into the goals, strategies, and programs of the NYDP;

(c) Adopt a results-based framework consistent with SDG monitoring and reporting systems; and

(d) Update the NYDP periodically to reflect global and national development priorities.

SEC. 4. *Inter-Agency Coordination.* - The NYC shall coordinate with relevant agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev); Department of Budget and Management (DBM); Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to

ensure policy coherence, data harmonization, and effective implementation of SDG-aligned youth programs.

SEC. 5. *Alignment of Local Youth Development Plans with SDGs.* - Local Government Units (LGUs) shall align Local Youth Development Plans (LYDPs) with both the NYDP and the SDGs. LGUs are hereby mandated to integrate SDG targets in local youth investment programs and establish monitoring and reporting mechanisms consistent with national SDG frameworks.

SEC. 6. *Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting.* - The NYC, in coordination with the Philippine Statistics Authority and the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev), shall develop a unified monitoring and evaluation system for SDG-aligned youth programs. It shall submit an Annual Youth and SDG Progress Report to Congress and ensure public access to data and reports through digital platforms.

SEC. 7. *Youth Participation and Stakeholder Engagement.* - The NYC shall ensure the meaningful participation of youth organizations, civil society, and the private sector in the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of SDG-aligned youth development initiatives.

SEC. 8. *Capacity Building.* - The NYC, in partnership with relevant agencies, shall conduct capacity-building programs for national and local stakeholders on SDG integration, planning, and monitoring.

SEC. 9. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the NYC. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the NYC, in coordination with concerned government agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,