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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 475

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations on March 22, 2023  
Re: House Bill No. 7756  
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1406  
Sponsors: Representatives Mark O. Go, Elizaldy S. Co, and Fernando T. Cabredo

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 1406, introduced by Rep. Fernando T. Cabredo, entitled:


“AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING IN THE CITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, A TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING  
AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LIGAO CITY, ALBAY  
TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 7756, entitled:

“AN ACT  
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ASSESSMENT CENTER, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LIGAO CITY, ALBAY TESDA  
TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1406 and with Representatives Fernando T. Cabredo, Mark O. Go, and Elizaldy S. Co as authors thereof.

  
**ELIZALDY S. CO**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,  
  
**MARK O. GO**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Higher and Technical Education

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
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**House Bill No. 7756**  
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Introduced by Representatives Fernando T. Cabredo, Mark O. Go, and Elizaldy S. Co

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**AN ACT**  
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**EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TRAINING AND**  
**ASSESSMENT CENTER, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LIGAO CITY, ALBAY 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. *Establishment of a Training and Assessment Center in Ligao City, Albay.***-

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2 There is hereby established a training and assessment center, under the supervision of the Technical  
3 Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), to be known as the “Ligao City, Albay  
4 TESDA Training and Assessment Center”. It shall be located in a highly accessible area in the City  
5 of Ligao, Province of Albay, pursuant to the purposes of this Act and to the agreement between the  
6 TESDA and the concerned local government units (LGUs).  
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8 **SEC. 2. *General Mandate.*** – The Ligao City, Albay TESDA Training and Assessment Center,  
9 hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide technical-vocational education and  
10 training (TVET) programs to students and local residents from low-income families and out-of-school  
11 youths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples to help them become productive,  
12 self-reliant, and globally competitive labor assets.  
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14 The Center shall provide effective employment interventions through training programs on  
15 relevant skills in trade competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities to help hasten the  
16 development of the host area and its adjacent localities into human resource and productivity hubs.  
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18 The Center shall also provide technical-vocational training for teachers and curriculum design  
19 assistance to the secondary schools in the province offering the technical-vocational livelihood track  
20 under the K to 12 Program, in coordination with the Department of Education and the TESDA.  
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22 **SEC. 3. *Training Programs.*** – The Center shall offer short-term certificate courses and  
23 modular trainings in preferred technical-vocational skills and trades specialization. To this end, the  
24 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department  
25 of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of the Interior and  
26 Local Government (DILG), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), business-  
27 industry partners, and other relevant agencies and instrumentalities, both local and international, shall  
28 provide the necessary assistance to enable the Center to develop skilled manpower to achieve a robust  
29 and inclusive economy in the host area and its adjacent localities.

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2 The Center may establish research and technology hubs, technology development farms,  
3 satellite or extension training centers, promote mobile training programs, and strengthen linkages  
4 among the industry partners, the academe, and the Center geared towards the acquisition by residents  
5 of practical livelihood, employable skills, gainful employment, and entrepreneurial capabilities in  
6 priority areas in the City of Ligao and neighboring localities in the Province of Albay.  
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8 The Center shall offer the following TVET programs with competencies assessment leading to  
9 National Certification Levels I-III:  
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- 11 a. Skills training in industrial technology and hard trades such as metal and steelwork,  
12 machine fabrication and operation, heavy equipment operation, automotive mechanical  
13 assembly, refrigeration and air conditioning, electronics, and operation of power tools and  
14 equipment for both medium skills grade and industrial purposes;  
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- 16 b. Agriculture and aquaculture-related trainings and skills development in such areas as  
17 farming technology, fishing operations technology, backyard farming and home-based  
18 aquaculture and propagation innovations, mechanized farming, fishing tools and equipment  
19 operation, agribusiness, agri-aqua trade technology and innovations, and relevant training  
20 seminars for farmers and fisherfolk to encourage entrepreneurship and thus increase their  
21 productivity;  
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- 23 c. Livelihood skills development courses for preferred skills employment and small-scale  
24 entrepreneurship, including practical skills education in arts and crafts, workmanship and  
25 design, high-speed sewing, dressmaking and tailoring, horticulture, livestock raising and  
26 breeding, food processing technology, home technology, culinary arts and commercial  
27 cooking, cosmetology, and health and wellness training;  
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- 29 d. Basic business literacy training in financial management and marketing, practical  
30 accountancy, bookkeeping and office procedures, business processes and application  
31 procedures, including registration, licensing, documentation, business patent and  
32 intellectual property regulation, business financing and investment opportunities sourcing,  
33 import-export accreditation, online home-based business operation and social media  
34 business marketing;  
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- 36 e. Technical-vocational occupation and trades skills such as carpentry, masonry, plumbing,  
37 welding, practical electricity and installation, automotive servicing, electronics servicing,  
38 personal computer servicing, and such other relevant practical skills courses;  
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- 40 f. Computer literacy and information technology-related skills, digital technology, web  
41 design, animation, photoshop or online photography, computer design and advertising;  
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- 43 g. Social communication skills and language proficiency courses in English and other  
44 languages for business process outsourcing employment and overseas job placement;  
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- 46 h. Seminars in personality development, career counseling, job placement, and work ethic and  
47 values; and  
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- 49 i. Other preferred skills and trades training that may be needed by the people of the City of  
50 Ligao and of adjacent localities to enhance their capacities for practical livelihood, gainful  
51 employment, and entrepreneurial activities.  
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1           **SEC. 4. Compliance with TESDA Requirements.**- The provisions of this Act notwithstanding,  
2 the Center shall become operational only upon the issuance by the TESDA of a formal  
3 recommendation and certificate of compliance attesting that the Center has satisfactorily complied  
4 with the minimum standards of quality it has prescribed governing the following: (a) standard  
5 procedures and guidelines for the establishment and operation of a Center; (b) operational  
6 sustainability of the Center, in terms of licensed faculty-trainers and personnel, equipment, training  
7 and laboratory facilities, instructional materials, and other standard requirements of a Center; (c)  
8 sustainable funding source and allocation of the budgetary requirement; (d) full alignment of the  
9 training programs offered with the minimum standards of competency-based quality technical-  
10 vocational skills technology and the needs of the host area and adjacent communities served within  
11 the context of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations integration and the Philippine Qualification  
12 Framework for TVET; and (e) compliance with such other TESDA conditionalities and standards as  
13 may be necessary and applicable in establishing a Center.

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15           **SEC. 5. Administration of the Center.** – The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational  
16 Administrator who shall render full-time service and be responsible for its administration and  
17 operation, under the supervision of the TESDA.

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

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

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27           **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** - The Director General of the TESDA shall include in the Authority’s  
28 program the operation of the Center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
29 Appropriations Act.

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31           The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall set aside from any available local  
32 revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of the  
33 Center herein established.

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35           **SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days after the approval of  
36 this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST, DA, Department of Budget  
37 and Management, DILG, NEDA, the concerned LGUs, and such other relevant agencies and industry-  
38 business partners of the host locality, prepare and issue rules and regulations for the effective  
39 implementation of this Act.

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41           **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act shall be  
42 deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof shall not be affected and  
43 shall remain in force and in effect.

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45           **SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and  
46 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are repealed or amended  
47 accordingly.

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49           **SEC. 10. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
50 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*