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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOMBONG IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

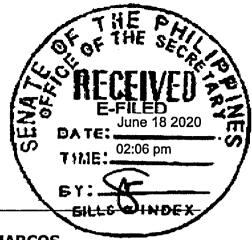
Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution provides that, "*the State shall protect* and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all." The Constitution further mandates that the State "*establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.*"

The quality of a country's human capital, which is nurtured through education, determines the course of its national development. It is necessary that technical education and skills development centers be established in most cities and municipalities of the Philippines. This would make access to education more inclusive thereby ensuring the equitable spread of these learning programs to develop a reservoir of high-level technical manpower and skilled workers and craftsmen in all fields.

The Municipality of Bayombong is a first class municipality composed of twenty five (25) barangays. To help the community's economy it is necessary to make vocational and technical skills education more available and accessible so its people can find employment. Thus, this bill seeks to establish a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Accreditation Center in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.

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

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

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Bayombong Technical
 Education and Skills Development (TESDA) and Training and Accreditation Center
 Act."

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Section 2. *Creation.* – There is hereby established a Technical Education and Skills
Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Accreditation Center in the municipality
of Bayombong in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

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9 Section 3. *General Mandate.* – The Bayombong TESDA Training and 10 Accreditation Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide 11 access to technical-vocational training and skills development programs to students 12 and residents from low-income families and out-of-school youths, including persons 13 with disabilities and indigenous people in the municipality of Bayombong and it 14 surrounding communities, to help them become self-reliant, productive, and globally 15 competitive labor assets.

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The Center shall offer training programs on relevant skills trade competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities needed to deliver the effective and strategic economic interventions that will hasten the development of the host areas and adjacent communities in the municipality of Bayombong into human resource capital and productivity hubs.

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The Center shall provide teachers' training curriculum design assistance to the secondary schools offering the technical-vocational livelihood (TVL) Track under the K to 12 Program in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and theTESDA.

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Section 4. Training Programs. - The Center shall offer short-term certificate 4 courses and modular trainings in preferred technical-vocational skills and trades 5 specialization. To this end, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), 6 7 Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Interior and Local 8 Government (DILG), National and Economic Development Authority (NEDA), business-9 industry partners, and other relevant agencies and instrumentalities, both local and 10 international, shall provide the necessary assistance to enable the Center to develop 11 skilled manpower to achieve a robust and inclusive economy in the host areas and 12 adjacent localities. 13

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15 Section 5. *Compliance with TESDA Requirements.* – The provisions of this Act 16 notwithstanding, the Center shall become operational only upon determination and 17 declaration of the TESDA, through the issuance of a formal recommendation and 18 certificate of compliance that the Center has individually and satisfactorily complied 19 with the minimum requirements for quality standards prescribed by TESDA.

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Section 6. *Administration.* – The Center shall be headed by a Technical Vocational Administrator, under the supervision of the TESDA, who shall render fulltime services and be responsible for the administration and operation of the Center.

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

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

Section 7. *Appropriations*. – The Director General of the TESDA shall include the Authority's program the operation of the Center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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The LGU concern, in consultation with the TESDA, shall likewise set aside from any available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of the Center herein established.

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Section 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, NEDA, concerned LGU, and such
 other relevant agencies and industry-business partners of the host locality shall
 prepare and issue the necessary regulations for the implementation of this Act.

Section 9. Separability Clause. – In the event that any provision of this Act or
any portion thereof is declared unconstitutional by a competent court, the other
provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
 regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed
 or amended accordingly.

Section 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,

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