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SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 229

Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Youth; Local Government; and Finance on $March\ 24\ 2021$.

Re: Senate Bill No. <u>2124</u>

Recommending its approval in substitution of **Senate Bill Nos. 1088, 1266 and 1401**, taking into consideration **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 71.**

Sponsor: **Senator Sonny Angara**

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Youth, Local Government and Finance to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 1088**, introduced by Senator Sonny Angara, entitled:

"AN ACT

TO FURTHER EMPOWER THE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015'"

Senate Bill No. 1266, introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr, entitled:

"AN ACT

STRENGTHENING MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC

ACT 10742 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015"

and **Senate Bill No. 1401,** introduced by Sen Imee R. Marcos, entitled:

"AN ACT

STRENGTHENING YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 10742 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

taking into consideration **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 71**, introduced by Senator Sonny Angara, entitled:

"RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742 OR THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) REFORM ACT OF 2015 IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE SUPPLEMENTARY STEPS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN YOUTH REPRESENTATION IN THE COUNTRY"

have considered the same and has the honor to report these back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **Senate Bill No.** <u>2124</u>, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

"AN ACT

TO FURTHER EMPOWER THE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015"

be approved in substitution of **Senate Bill Nos. 1088, 1266 and 1401,** taking into consideration **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 71**, with **Senators Angara, Revilla Jr., and Marcos** as authors thereof.

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SENATE S. B. No. 2124

(In substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1088, 1266 and 1401)

Prepared and submitted by the Committees on Youth; Local Government; and Finance with Senators Angara, Revilla, Jr., and Marcos, as authors

AN ACT

TO FURTHER EMPOWER THE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015

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

SECTION 1. Section 8 of Republic Act 10742, otherwise known as the 1 "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015", is hereby amended to read as follows: 2 "Sec. 8. Powers and Functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan – The 3 Sangguniang Kabataan shall: 4 (a) x x x; 5 (e) Hold fund-raising activities which are in line with the Comprehensive 6 Barangay Youth Development Plan, the proceeds of which shall be tax-7 exempt and shall accrue to the general fund of the Sangguniang 8 Kabataan: Provided, however, That in the appropriation thereof, the 9 specific purpose for which such activity has been held shall be first 10 satisfied: Provided, further, That any appropriation thereof shall be in 11 accordance with existing applicable budget, accounting and auditing 12 rules and regulations, SUCH AS THOSE ISSUED BY THE 13 DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) AND THE 14 **COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA)**; 15

(J) WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THEIR ASSUMPTION TO OFFICE,
THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL: 1) FORMULATE AND
APPROVE ITS INTERNAL RULES AND PROCEDURES; 2)
APPOINT ITS SECRETARY AND TREASURER AND; 3) SET THE
SCHEDULE OF REGULAR SK MEETINGS AND KK ASSEMBLIES;
AND

[(j)] **(K)** Exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance, or delegated by the Sangguniang Barangay or the Commission.

SEC 2. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10742 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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"Sec. 10. Qualifications. – An official of the Sangguniang Kabataan, either [elective] **ELECTED** or [appointee] **APPOINTED** must be a citizen of the Philippines, a qualified voter of the Katipunan ng Kabataan, a resident of the barangay for not less than one (1) year immediately preceding the day of the elections, at least eighteen (18) years but not more than twenty-four (24) years of age on the day of the elections, able to read and write Filipino, English, or the local dialect, must not be related within the second civil degree of consanguinity or affinity to any incumbent elected national official or to any incumbent elected regional, provincial, city, municipal, or barangay official, in the locality where he or she seeks to be elected, and must not have been convicted by final judgment of any crime involving moral turpitude. **PROVIDED**, **THAT** THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TREASURER MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS BUT NOT MORE THAN THIRTY (30) YEARS OF AGE ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTIONS: PROVIDED, FURTHER, **THAT** THE **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN** CHAIRPERSON SHALL APPOINT A TREASURER WITH AN EDUCATIONAL, AND/OR CAREER BACKGROUND RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION, ACCOUNTANCY, ECONOMICS, OR BOOKKEEPING: PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT ONLY IF NO PERSON MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS CAN

1	THE SK CHAIRPERSON CONSIDER OTHER SUITABLE
2	NOMINEES: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT APPOINTED SK
3	TREASURERS SHALL UNDERGO A MANDATORY BOOKKEEPING
4	TRAINING FROM THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS
5	DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) BEFORE ASSUMPTION OF
6	OFFICE.
7	SEC. 3. Sec. 15 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:
8	"SEC. 15. Sangguniang Kabataan Treasurer. – The Sangguniang
9	Kabataan treasurer, WHO SHALL BE A BONDED OFFICER, shall:
10	x x x."
11	SEC. 4. Sec. 16 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:
12	"Sec. 16. Privileges of Sangguniang Kabataan Officials, - (a) All
13	Sangguniang Kabataan officials in good standing, whether elected or
14	appointed, shall, during their incumbency:
15	"(1) x x x;
16	"(2) BE EXEMPT FROM TAKING ANY OF THE
17	COMPONENTS OF THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING
18	PROGRAM (NSTP);"
19	x x x;
20	"(5) The Sangguniang Kabataan chairperson shall have the same
21	privileges enjoyed by other Sangguniang Barangay officials under this
22	Act subject to such requirements and limitations provided herein;
23	"(6) THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN MEMBERS,
24	INCLUDING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TREASURER AND
25	SECRETARY, SHALL RECEIVE A MONTHLY HONORARIUM,
26	CHARGEABLE AGAINST THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FUNDS,
27	IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER COMPENSATION PROVIDED BY
28	THIS ACT AND SHALL BE GRANTED AT THE END OF EVERY
29	REGULAR MONTHLY SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN MEETING:
30	PROVIDED, THAT NOT MORE THAN 25% OF THE

PERSONNEL SERVICES. THE DBM SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY GUIDELINES IMPLEMENTING THIS PROVISION.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS MAY ADDITIONAL **HONORARIUM** TO THE **SANGGUNIANG** KABATAAN CHAIRPERSON AND THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS THROUGH THEIR OWN LOCAL ORDINANCES: PROVIDED, THAT THE HONORARIUM AS STATED IN THIS **SECTION SHALL** BE **SUBJECT** TO THE **POST-AUDIT** JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA);"

- "(7) BE ENTITLED TO APPROPRIATE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY, PURSUANT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE CVIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE SK OFFICIAL HAS RENDERED THEIR FULL TERM OF OFFICE; AND"
- "(8) The Sangguniang Kabataan chairperson shall have the same privileges enjoyed by other Sangguniang Barangay officials under this Act subject to such requirements and limitations provided herein."

SEC. 5. Sec. 19 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 19. Succession and Filling up of Vacancies - (a) In case a Sangguniang Kabataan chairperson refuses to assume office, fails to qualify, voluntarily resigns, dies, is permanently incapacitated, is removed from office, the Sangguniang Kabataan member who obtained the highest number of votes in the election immediately preceding shall assume the office of the chairperson, for the unexpired portion of his or her term. In case said member refuses to assume the position or fails to qualify, the Sangguniang Kabataan member obtaining the next highest number of votes shall assume the position of the chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term: *PROVIDED*, THAT, IF THE REASON FOR THE VACANCY DOES NOT FALL UNDER THE CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE, THE MAYOR OF THE CONCERNED BARANGAY SHALL APPOINT AN OFFICER-IN-CHARGE (OIC) FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST THREE (3) NOMINEES AS SUBMITTED BY THE

SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN MEMBERS: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE APPOINTED OIC MUST MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS SET UNDER SECTION 10 OF THIS ACT." "x x x." **Sec. 6.** Section 20 of Republic Act 10742 is hereby further amended to read as follows: "SEC. 20. Sangguniang Kabataan Funds. – The Sangguniang Kabataan funds shall be governed by the following provisions: "(a) All the income of the barangay derived from whatever source shall accrue to its general fund and all, at the option of the barangay concerned, be kept as trust fund in the custody of the city or municipal treasurer or be disposed in a bank preferably government-owned, situated in or nearest to its area of jurisdiction. Such funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Ten percent (10%) of the general fund of the barangay shall be set aside for the Sangguniang Kabataan. The Sangguniang Barangay shall appropriate the Sangguniang Kabataan funds in lump-sum which shall be disbursed [solely] for youth development and empowerment purposes; "(b) xxx; "(c) All Sangguniang Kabataan funds shall be allocated in an annual

"(c) All Sangguniang Kabataan funds shall be allocated in an annual budget, and if the funds allow, in a supplemental budget in accordance with the adopted Annual Barangay Investment Program. Both the Comprehensive Barangay Youth Development Plan and Annual Barangay Investment Program shall give priority to programs, projects and activities that will promote and [ensure the equitable access to quality education, environmental protection, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resiliency, youth employment and livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, gender sensitivity, sports development, and capability building which emphasizes leadership training; and] ATTAIN THE THRUSTS OF THE PHILIPPINE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUCH AS HEALTH, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, GLOBAL MOBILITY, ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, GOVERNANCE, SOCIAL

1	EQUITY AND INCLUSION, PEACE-BUILDING AND SECURITY,
2	AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, SUCH AS:
3	(1) STUDENT STIPENDS, FOOD, BOOK AND
4	TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES, AND OTHER
5	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT
6	WILL REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF OUT-OF- SCHOOL
7	YOUTH AND DROP-OUTS
8	(2) SPORTS AND WELLNESS PROJECTS TO ADDRESS
9	PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, TEENAGE
10	PREGNANCY, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND OTHER
11	HEALTH ISSUES;
12	(3) SKILLS TRAINING, SUMMER EMPLOYMENT, CASH-
13	FOR-WORK, ON-THE-JOB, AND LIVELIHOOD
14	ASSISTANCE;
15	(4) PROJECTS PROMOTING THE PARTICIPATION OF
16	THE YOUTH AND THEIR INITIATION IN
17	AGRICULTURAL, FISHERY, AND FORESTRY
18	ENTERPRISES;
19	(5) PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT WILL LOCATE
20	THE YOUTH AT THE FOREFRONT OF ENVIRONMENT
21	PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS, AND
22	ENLIST THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN CALAMITY
23	PREPAREDNESS, INFORMATION DISSEMINATION
24	AND OTHER DISASTER-RELATED ACTIVITES; AND
25	(6) CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR GRASSROOTS
26	ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP;
27	"(d) xxx; AND
28	"(e) THE SK SHALL SET ASIDE AN AMOUNT FOR THE SK
29	MANDATORY AND CONTINUING TRAININGS TO COMPLEMENT
30	THE TRAINING FUND HEREIN PROVIDED UNDER SEC. 29. THE
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR TRAINING SHALL NOT BE
32	MORE THAN EIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) OF THE SK FUND."

Sec. 7. Section 21 of Republic Act 10742 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 21. *Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan*. - (a) There shall be an organization of the Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan to be known as follows:

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"(d) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SK PEDERASYON. – THE SK PEDERASYON AND THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LYDC) **SHALL DRAFT** THE LOCAL YOUTH **DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LYDP). THE PEDERASYON AND THE LYDC** SHALL CONVENE QUARTERLY TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LYDP AND ALIGNMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE BARANGAY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND ANNUAL BARANGAY YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAM TO THE LYDP. THE PEDERASYON SHALL ALSO CASCADE INFORMATION AND FACILITATE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER TO THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCALITIES."

Sec. 8. Section 25 of Republic Act 10742 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 25. Creation. - There shall be in every province, city, and municipality a Youth Development Office which shall be headed by a youth development officer with the rank of at least division chief. Such may be put under the Office of the Local Chief Executive, the Office of the Planning and Development, the Office of the Social Welfare, or in any other office deemed appropriate by the local government unit. If the funds of the local government unit are sufficient, it can be a separate department with divisions and units for policy and planning, administration and finance, and programs and operations. In the event when the local government unit has exceeded the prescribed personal services limitations, the local chief executive may designate existing personnel whom he or she deems fit to serve this purpose, *PROVIDED*,

THAT A LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SHALL BE APPOINTED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2019, FAILURE TO CREATE THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND APPOINT THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITIES OF THE LOCAL PERSONNEL SELECTION BOARD AND THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE."

Sec. 9. Section 26 of Republic Act 10742 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 26. Funding. — THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT SHALL

APPROPRIATE NOT LESS THAN 1% OF ITS ANNUAL BUDGET

FOR THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, WHICH SHALL

BE USED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL YOUTH

DEVELOPMENT PLAN, CONVENING THE MEETINGS OF THE

CONCERNED PEDERASYON NG MGA SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN

AND LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AS WELL AS ITS

SEC. 10. *Funding and Appropriations.*— The amounts necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the Sangguniang Kabataan Funds or as may be authorized by the local government units pursuant to Section 4 of this Act.

OPERATIONS AND EFFECTIVE FUNTIONING."

SEC. 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*— The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), the National Youth Commission (NYC), and other concerned government agencies shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days upon the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.*— If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

- **SEC. 13.** *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 14. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of the general circulation.

Approved,

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