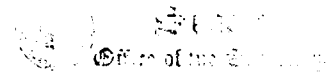


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 207

Submitted by the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Labor,
Employment and Human Resources Development; and Finance on
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Re: Senate Bill No. _____

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2333, taking into
consideration House Bill No. 7370.

Sponsor: Senator Francis G. Escudero

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Labor,
Employment and Human Resources Development; and Finance to which was
referred **Senate Bill No. 2333**, introduced by Senator Mark A. Villar, entitled:

**"AN ACT
CREATING A TRIPARTITE COUNCIL TO ADDRESS
UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE JOB-SKILLS
MISMATCH PROBLEM IN THE COUNTRY, AND
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taking into consideration **House Bill No. 7370**, introduced by Representatives Go (M.), Agarao, Rillo, Mercado-Revilla, Roque, et al., entitled:

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have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **Senate Bill No. 2569**, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

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be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2333, taking into consideration House Bill No. 7370, with Senators Villar (M.), Escudero, Estrada and Angara as authors thereof.

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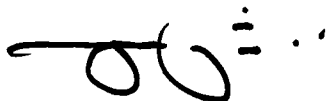
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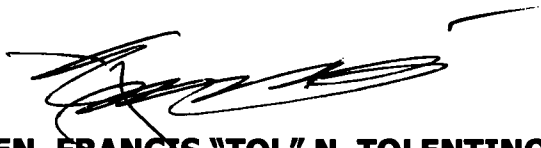
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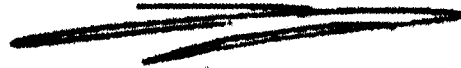
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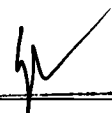
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SENATE BILL NO. 2569

Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Finance with Senators Villar (M.), Escudero, Estrada and Angara as authors thereof

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TRIPARTITE COUNCIL TO ADDRESS UNEMPLOYMENT,
UNDEREMPLOYMENT AND JOB-SKILLS MISMATCH, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR"**

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

1 Section 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is declared the policy of the State to
2 reduce the levels of unemployment and underemployment, increase productivity,
3 and improve the standards of living in the country through the sustained
4 development of a skilled citizenry and maintenance of a reservoir of national talents
5 consisting of Filipino scientists, entrepreneurs, professionals, managers, high-level
6 technical manpower, and skilled workers and craftsmen in all fields.

7 To this end, the State shall ensure the relevance and adequacy of academic
8 programs of higher education institutions (HEIs) and training programs offered in
9 technical-vocational institutions (TVIs) in relation to the needs and requirements of
10 the business and industry sectors and the over-all human resource requirement of
11 the country pursuant to its socioeconomic development goals.

12 *Sec. 2. Creation of a Tripartite Council.* – There is hereby established a
13 Tripartite Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, that shall formulate policies
14 and programs to address the problems of unemployment, underemployment and
15 job-skills mismatch in the country. It shall be a coordinating body among the
16 government, academe and industry sectors to primarily monitor economic trends in

1 the global and domestic markets, including those pertaining to business and
2 commerce and the local labor market, and to generate information relative to
3 employment, unemployment, underemployment, and job-skills mismatch. The
4 Council shall be made up of representatives from the government, academe, and
5 industry.

6 The government representatives shall be composed of the following: a
7 Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED); a Deputy Director-
8 General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA); an
9 Undersecretary of the Department of Education (DepEd); an Undersecretary of the
10 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE); an Undersecretary of the
11 Department of Science and Technology (DOST); an Undersecretary of the
12 Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); a Commissioner of the Civil Service
13 Commission (CSC); and a Commissioner of the Professional Regulation Commission
14 (PRC).

15 The representatives of the academe shall be composed of the presidents of
16 the federations of public and private HEIs, public and private TVIs, and accreditation
17 bodies of higher and technical-vocational educational institutions, which shall include
18 the following: Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges; Association of
19 Local Colleges and Universities; Coordinating Council of Private Educational
20 Associations; Technical-Vocational Schools and Associations of the Philippines;
21 National Network of Quality Assurance Agencies; and the Federation of Accrediting
22 Agencies of the Philippines.

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24 presidents of the following business and industry federations: Philippine Chamber of
25 Commerce and Industry; Joint Foreign Chambers of the Philippines; Employers
26 Confederation of the Philippines; Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the
27 Philippines Foundation, Incorporated; Information Technology and Business Process
28 Association of the Philippines; Philippine Business for Education; Management
29 Association of the Philippines; Philippine Business for Social Progress; and the People
30 Management Association of the Philippines.

1 The Council shall be headed by a CHED Commissioner as Chairperson, and
2 the Deputy Director-General of the TESDA shall be its Vice-Chairperson. The
3 members of the Council, except for the ex officio members, shall receive per diem
4 for every meeting attended in accordance with existing rules and regulations. The
5 Council shall be attached to the CHED for administrative and budgetary purposes.

6 The CHED shall provide a secretariat to the Council to be manned by the
7 organic personnel of the CHED and may be augmented by the employees from the
8 member-agencies of the Council through detail or secondment.

9 For the effective performance of its functions, the Council may, upon the
10 recommendation of the CHED and the TESDA, revise the composition of its
11 members.

12 *Sec. 3. Powers and Functions of the Council.* – The Council shall have the
13 following specific powers and functions:

14 a) Monitor the trends in the domestic and international labor market *vis-à-vis*
15 the incidence of unemployment, underemployment and the job-skills mismatch in
16 the country;

17 b) Formulate short-term and long-term policies, plans and programs that
18 shall address job-skills mismatch, unemployment, and underemployment;

19 c) Conduct an inventory, review and evaluation of courses, academic
20 programs and curricula of public and private HEIs and technical education and
21 training programs of TVIs;

22 d) Conduct an assessment of qualifications, skills and competencies of
23 students and graduates of higher education courses and technical-vocational
24 education and training and benchmark these with national and international
25 standards such as the Philippine Qualifications Framework, Association of Southeast
26 Asian Nations Qualifications Reference Framework, and other relevant frameworks
27 and international agreements to which the Philippines is a signatory.

28 e) Conduct an inventory of job specifications and skills requirement of
29 various industries;

1 f) Recommend to the President of the Philippines, Congress and other
2 government institutions such policies to address the problems of unemployment,
3 underemployment and job-skills mismatch;

4 g) Request the assistance of government agencies in the performance of its
5 duties and functions;

6 h) Hold regular quarterly meetings; and

7 i) Perform such other functions as may be necessary for its effective
8 operation to achieve the objectives of this Act.

9 *Sec. 4. Annual Report and Assessment.* - Upon effectivity of this Act, the
10 Council shall submit an annual report to Congress on the status of employment of
11 college students and new HEI or TVI graduates for the last five (5) years, as well as
12 an assessment of the trends in the labor market and the skills required by various
13 industries and business establishments.

14 *Sec. 5. Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the effective
15 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
16 Act.

17 *Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within sixty (60) days after
18 the effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall, in coordination with the TESDA, DepEd,
19 DOLE, DOST, DTI, CSC, and PRC, as well as other education stakeholders,
20 promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

21 *Sec. 7. Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof is declared
22 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby
23 shall remain in full force and effect.

24 *Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.* - All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders,
25 issuances, and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and
26 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

27 *Sec. 9. Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect immediately following its
28 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7370

BY REPRESENTATIVES GO (M.), AGARAO, RILLO, MERCADO-REVILLA, ROQUE, DALOG, DOMINGO, YU (J.V.), VERZOSA, CAOAGDAN, CAGAS, GARDIOLA, RODRIGUEZ (E.), ORTEGA, TULFO (R.W.), LARA, BORDADO, PADIERNOS, EUDELA, ADVINCULA, GALEOS, SALO, BUHAIN, BARZAGA, TUTOR, CO-PILAR, GULLAS, ABALOS, BALINDONG, PUMAREN, CARI, ONGCHUAN, AQUINO, CO (E.), ACIDRE, BARONDA, BOLILIA, PALMA, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, SUAREZ, HERRERA, QUIMBO, ABANTE, ALONTE, ALVAREZ (M.), ALVAREZ (J.), ARENAS, BAUTISTA-LIM, BERNOS, BONGALON, CABREDO, CAMPOS, CELESTE, CO (A.N.), CUA, CUARESMA, DE VENECIA, DEL MAR, FUENTEBELLA, GO (E.C.), GONZAGA, HARESCO, LACSON, NAVA, SALIMBANGON, TIANGCO, UMALI, VARGAS-ALFONSO, VILLARAZA-SUAREZ, VIOLAGO, ZAMORA (M.C.), ZUBIRI, ADIONG, AMANTE, ANG, ASISTIO, ATAYDE, AUMENTADO, BASCUG, BOSITA, CHATTO, COJUANGCO (J.), CRUZ (A.), CRUZ (R.), DAGOGC, DIMAPORO (S.A.), FORTES, FRESNEDI, GARCIA (D.), GARCIA (M.A.), GUTIERREZ, HERNANDEZ, KHONGHUN, LAGON (D.), LAGON (S.), LAZATIN, MACEDA, MAGSINO, MANQUIZ, MATIBAG, MERCADO, NOGRALES (M.I.), OUANO-DIZON, PADUANO, PANALIGAN, PANCHO, PLAZA, PLEYTO, REVILLA (R.J.), SALI, TALLADO, TULFO (J.), UNABIA, VARGAS, VERGARA, VILLAFUERTE (M.L.), YAP (C.), BENITEZ, CORVERA, DUTERTE, ECLEO, FLORES, GOMEZ, GUINTU, KHO (R.), MARIANO-HERNANDEZ, MARIÑO, ORDANES, REVILLA (B.), ROMULO, SALCEDA, SAULOG, SILVERIO, SORIANO, TOLENTINO, VELOSO-TUAZON, VILLAFUERTE (L.R.), YAP (EDVIC), DALIPE, MARCOS, LACSON-NOEL, DELOS SANTOS, OAMINAL, DY (F.), ADVINCULA, SANTOS, SUANSING (M.A.), TEODORO, ZAMORA (Y.M.), ARBISON, ZAMORA (A.M.), ESCUDERO, TAN (K.M.), ACHARON, LIBANAN, DAZA, MADRONA, ALVAREZ (M.), OLIVAREZ, RODRIGUEZ (R.), DIMAPORO (M.K.), TANJUATCO, YU (D.G.) AND VILLARICA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 360

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6 living.

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8 To this end, the State shall ensure the relevance and adequacy of academic courses in
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22 b) Formulate short-term and long-term policies, plans and programs that shall address job-
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35 e) Conduct an inventory of job specifications and skills requirement of various industries;
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37 f) Recommend to the President of the Philippines, Congress and other government
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39 unemployment, underemployment and job-skills mismatch;
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41 g) Hold regular quarterly meetings; and
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43 h) Perform such other functions as may be necessary for its effective operation to achieve
44 the mandate of this Act.
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46 **SEC. 4. Annual Report and Assessment.** – Upon the effectivity of this Act, the Council
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2 and the skills required by various industries and business establishments.

3 **SEC. 5. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act
4 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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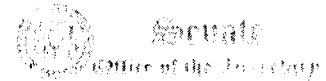
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16 regulations, issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,
17 are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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19 **SEC. 9. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
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Approved,

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CREATING A TRIPARTITE COUNCIL TO ADDRESS UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE JOB-SKILLS MISMATCH PROBLEM IN THE COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Job-skills mismatch is a situation where there are more jobs available than there are qualified jobseekers, or a mismatch between qualifications and available positions. Despite the high employment rate, forty percent (40%) of Filipino employees are overqualified for their jobs with academic credentials beyond what is needed in their jobs yet earning only five percent (5%) more for finishing their education according to a study by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS). Also, jobseekers accept jobs that require less skills than what they trained for, most likely because they took a college degree program with little demand in the job market.

According to the Philippine Business for Education, job-skills mismatch in the Philippines is a huge problem that stems from years of disconnect. It is largely contributory to unemployment and underemployment in the Philippines, which prevents the State from fully maximizing the potential of our young workforce. Employers are actively hiring yet many vacancies remain unfilled. As such, many people still have difficulty finding jobs.

This proposed bill seeks to address this problematic situation of jobs and skills mismatch that has plagued our fresh graduates and the workforce.

Through this bill, a Jobs-Skills Mismatch Resolution Tripartite Council will be created which will formulate policies and programs to address this issue. It shall conduct an inventory, review, and evaluate courses, academic programs, and curricula of public and private higher educational institutions (HEIs) without violating their academic freedom, and the training programs in Technical Vocational Institutions. It will have an assessment of the qualifications, skills and competencies of students and graduates of higher education courses and technical-vocational education and training or TVET. This shall be a needs-basis inventory of job specifications and skills requirement of various industries. Ultimately, the council will serve all sectors of the workforce, may it be government or private.

The Council shall be composed of representatives from the government, academe, and industry sectors. It shall be attached to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for administrative and budgetary purposes.

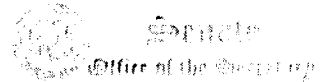
This bill is a step closer in addressing the problem of unemployment, underemployment, and job-skills mismatch in the country will soon be addressed.

Therefore, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

1 Sec. 1. *Declaration of Policy.* — The State hereby declares its policy to promote
2 the sustained development of a skilled citizenry and maintain a reservoir or national
3 talents consisting of Filipino scientists, entrepreneurs, professionals, managers, high-
4 level technical manpower, and skilled workers and craftsmen in all fields. Skills
5 development can reduce unemployment and underemployment, increase productivity,
6 and improve the standards of living.

7 The State shall ensure the relevance and adequacy of academic courses in the
8 higher education curriculum and training programs offered in technical-vocational
9 institutions in relation to the needs and requirements of the business and industry
10 sectors and the over-all human resource requirement of the country pursuant to its
11 economic development goals.

12 Sec. 2. *Creation of a Tripartite Council.* — A Tripartite Council, hereinafter
13 referred to as the Council, shall be established that shall formulate policies and
14 programs to address the job-skills mismatch in the country. It shall be a coordinating
15 body among the government, academe and industry sectors to primarily monitor

1 economic trends in the global and domestic markets, including those pertaining to
2 business and commerce and the local labor market, and to generate information
3 relative to employment, unemployment, underemployment, and job-skills mismatch.
4 The Council shall be made up of representatives from the government, academe, and
5 industry.

6 The government representatives shall be composed of the following: A
7 Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED); a Deputy Director-
8 General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA); an
9 Undersecretary of the Department of Education (DepEd); an Undersecretary of the
10 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE); a Commissioner of the Civil Service
11 Commission (CSC); and an Undersecretary of the Department of Trade and Industry
12 (DTI).

13 The representatives of the academe shall be the presidents of the federations
14 of public and private higher education institutions (HEIs), public and private technical-
15 vocational institutions (TVIs), and accreditation bodies of higher and technical-
16 vocational educational institutions, which include the following: Philippine Association
17 of State Universities and Colleges; Association of Local Colleges and Universities;
18 Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations; Technical-Vocational Schools
19 and Associations of the Philippines; National Network of Quality Assurance Agencies;
20 and the Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines.

21 The representatives of the industry sector shall be the presidents of the
22 following business and industry federations: Employers Confederation of the
23 Philippines; Makati Business Club; Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the
24 Philippines Foundation, Incorporated; Information Technology and Business Process
25 Association of the Philippines; Philippine Business for Education; Management
26 Association of the Philippines; Philippine Business for Social Progress; and the People
27 Management Association of the Philippines.

28 The Council shall be headed by a CHED Commissioner as Chairperson, and the
29 Deputy Director-General of the TESDA shall be its Vice-Chairperson.

1 The members of the Council, except for the *ex officio* members, shall receive *per*
2 *diem* for every meeting attended in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

3 The Council shall be attached to CHED for administrative and budgetary
4 purposes.

5 The CHED shall provide a secretariat to the Council to be manned by the organic
6 personnel of the CHED and may be augmented by the employees from the member-
7 agencies of the Council through detail or secondment.

8 *Sec. 3. Powers and Functions of the Council.* -- The Council shall have the
9 following specific powers and functions:

- 10 a) Monitor the trends in the labor market, both domestic and international, and
11 the incidence of unemployment, underemployment and the job-skills
12 mismatch problem in the country;
- 13 b) Formulate short-term and long-term policies, plans and programs that shall
14 address job-skills mismatch, unemployment, and underemployment;
- 15 c) Conduct an inventory, review and evaluation of courses, academic
16 programs and curricula of public and private HEIs and training programs
17 implemented by TVIs;
- 18 d) Conduct an assessment of qualifications, skills and competencies of
19 students and graduates of higher education courses and technical-
20 vocational education and training and benchmark these with national and
21 international standards such as the Philippine Qualifications Framework,
22 Association of Southeast Asian Nations Qualifications Reference Framework,
23 other frameworks, and international agreements to which the Philippines is
24 a signatory;
- 25 e) Conduct an inventory of job specifications and skills requirement of various
26 industries;
- 27 f) Recommend to the President of the Philippines, Congress and other
28 government institutions policy measures that need to be undertaken in
29 addressing the problems of unemployment, underemployment and job-skills
30 mismatch;

- 1 g) Hold regular quarterly meetings; and
2 h) Perform such other functions as may be necessary for its effective operation
3 to achieve the mandate of this Act.

4 *Sec. 4. Annual Report and Assessment.* — Upon effectivity of this Act, the
5 Council shall submit an annual report to Congress on the status of employment of
6 college students and new graduates for the last five years, as well as an assessment
7 of the trends in the labor market and the skills required by various industries and
8 business establishments.

9 *Sec. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within ninety (90) days after
10 the effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall, in coordination with the TESDA, DepEd, DTI,
11 DOLE, and CSC, as well as other education stakeholders, issue the rules and
12 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

13 *Sec. 6. Appropriations.* — The amount necessary for the implementation of this
14 Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

15 *Sec. 7. Separability Clause.* — If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
16 unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force
17 and effect.

18 *Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.* — All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees,
19 presidential proclamations, letter of instruction, rules and regulations or parts thereof
20 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
21 accordingly.

22 *Sec. 9. Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
23 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,