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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 18, provides:

The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare.

In its 22-point labor and employment agenda, the government is prioritizing investments in the country's number one resource, its human resource, in an atmosphere of industrial peace and social justice.

Hence, this bill seeks to direct the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment, subject to the availability of appropriations, to award grants to local government units to carry out employment training programs to aid unemployed individuals in securing employment in a new area of expertise, particularly in emerging markets and industries, such as green technologies.¹

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

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “New Jobs for
2 Philippines Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Compensated Employment Training Grants.* –

4 (A) *Authorization.* – Subject to the availability of appropriations for such funds,
5 the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment shall award grants to local
6 government units to carry out the activities described in subsection (B).

7 (B) *Use of Funds.* – A recipient of a grant under this Act shall use the grant for the
8 following purposes:

9 (1) To seek out unemployed individuals struggling financially whose prior
10 training consisted of skills necessary for a faltering or dying industry.

11 (2) To create compensated training programs that offer training in
12 emerging markets and industries, such as green technologies.

13 (3) To partner with state universities and colleges to create innovative
14 retraining programs focused on retooling workers for jobs in the growth sectors of
15 healthcare, biotechnology, and information technology.

1 (4) To partner with non-profit organizations to provide apprenticeships and
2 internships.

3 (5) To provide compensation to participants in training programs to
4 temporarily aid in their financial distress.

5 (6) To provide access to public healthcare programs for participants.

6 (7) To create training programs for ex-offenders in an effort to reduce
7 recidivism.

8 (8) To aid newly trained participants in securing employment within the
9 field of their newly acquired expertise.

10 (C) *Conditions.* – As a condition of receiving a grant under this Act, a grant
11 recipient shall allocate not less than eighty percent (80%) of the funding allocated under
12 the grant to wages, benefits, and support activities, including child care services to
13 individuals receiving compensated training under such a grant; and institute a program to
14 aid newly trained participants in securing employment in their new area of expertise.

15 SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such
16 amount as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National
17 Treasury.

18 SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
19 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
20 provisions hereof.

21 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
22 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
23 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

1 SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
2 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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