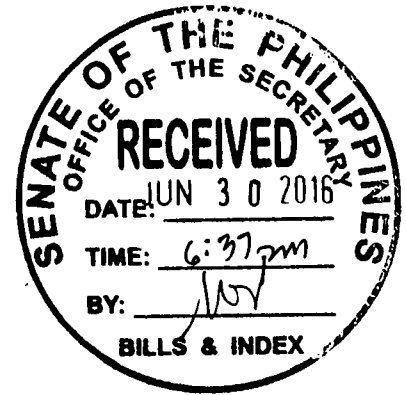


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Introduced by Senator JOEL "TESDAMAN" VILLANUEVA

**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND
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AND OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is a need to strengthen the rehabilitation function of criminal justice system in the Philippines. This can be done through the provision of skills development inside jails. Inmates have as much right to develop their skills and the walls of prison should not deter their learning.

Transition services, especially technical vocational education and training (TVET), can improve the self-esteem of inmates. With employable skills, they can find new life when they leave detention, and never get back in jail again. Tech-voc training will bring new hope to the detainees because they know they have the skills that can be their passport to employment opportunities once they leave jail. Through this, we also help solve congestion of jails and break the cycle of recidivism.

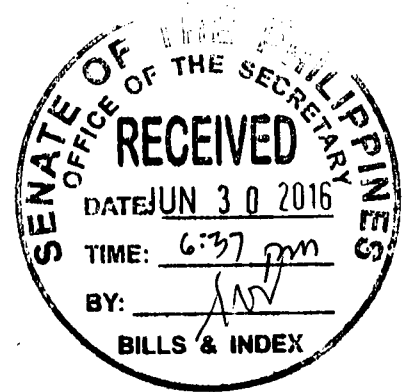
According to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), there are 70,000 inmates in 989 jails nationwide who are mostly 18-39 years old. Through TVET, they can be transformed by equipping them with necessary competencies to re-enter the society. Training inside prison will be matched with job search assistance outside of prison.

Inmates that can qualify to join the program are inmates who have served their jail sentences and are keen on acquiring new work skills and inmates considered for minimum security whose maximum jail sentences are not longer than 6 years.

This bill will help institutionalize free skills training in detention facilities all over the country. The immediate passage of this bill is sought.


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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as "Training Inside Prisons Act of 2016".
- 2 **SECTION 2.** There shall be a established a skills development training program
3 for inmates in the Philippines.
- 4 **SECTION 3.** The establishment of such program shall be undertaken by the
5 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of
6 Education (DepEd), and the Department of Justice (DOJ).
- 7 **SECTION 4.** The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
8 charged against the 2016 annual appropriations of TESDA. Thereafter, the sums
9 necessasry for implementation of the Act shall be included in the annual General
10 Appropriations Act.
- 11 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen 15 days after its complete
12 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
13 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.