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**An Act Instituting the Citizen Service Training Course, Establishing  
the Citizen Service Corps, Creating the Citizen Service Mobilization  
Commission, Appropriating Funds Therefor and For Other  
Purposes**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Today, with the growing number of emergencies and contingencies in the form of natural and man-made calamities and national and internal security threats which have confronted our people in recent years, it has become indispensable for the State to unsheathe its vital resource – the youth – and mobilize them in service to the nation.

Indeed, no less than the *1987 Constitution*, through *Article II, Section 13*, expresses the State's recognition of the vital role of the youth in nation-building and encourages the State to inculcate in them patriotism and nationalism and to encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

This measure seeks to establish a comprehensive framework for the training and mobilization of our youth and implements the constitutional vision of drawing them into the mainstream of national life by providing avenues for their participation in public and civic affairs, primarily through the establishment of the Citizen Service Training Course (CSTC).

Under the CSTC, a Basic Citizen Service Training Course shall be mandatory for all tertiary-level students enrolled in baccalaureate degree

courses or technical vocational courses in all public and private colleges, universities, and similar learning institutions. The CSTC retains external and territorial defense training as a foundational component, akin to envisioned goal of the creation of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) under Republic Act No. 7077<sup>1</sup>, as amended. In addition, the course expands its scope by also providing trainings in internal security and peace and order as well as disaster risk reduction and management, which assimilate the flexibility provided by the National Service Training Program (NSTP), created through Republic Act No. 9163<sup>2</sup>.

The controversies involving abuse and corrupt practices that have marred the ROTC and NSTP programs in the past are also addressed in this bill through the institution of safeguards, which include the creation of the Citizen Service Mobilization Commission that is empowered to conduct an audit of the utilization of the fees collected for the CSTC, and to investigate reported incidents of corruption, graft, hazing, sexual harassment, and other abuses in the program.

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

  
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<sup>1</sup> Citizen Armed Forces of the Philippines Reservist Act

<sup>2</sup> National Service Training Program Act of 2001



1 of the Philippines, which shall undergo training and may be called  
2 upon to defend the State and to render personal military or civil  
3 service under conditions provided by law; and

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5 (c) To train, equip and organize the youth, within the current  
6 frameworks of national and territorial defense, law enforcement and  
7 peace and order and national disaster risk reduction and  
8 management, to prepare them for rapid mobilization at the soonest  
9 possible time in order to address national and/or local contingencies  
10 which may require manpower beyond the capabilities of existing  
11 national government agencies or local government units.

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13 **ARTICLE III**  
14 **INSTITUTION OF CITIZEN SERVICE TRAINING COURSE**

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16 **SECTION 3.** *Basic Citizen Service Training Course.* – There is  
17 hereby instituted a Basic Citizen Service Training Course (Basic  
18 CSTC) which shall form part of the curricula of all baccalaureate  
19 degree courses and all technical vocational courses (which may be  
20 completed in at least two (2) years).

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22 The Basic CSTC shall have a duration of at least four (4)  
23 semesters over two (2) school years, unless otherwise allowed by  
24 the Citizen Service Training Board. Except for justifiable causes,  
25 the Basic CSTC must be completed, as far as practicable, within the  
26 first two (2) years of all baccalaureate degree courses and technical  
27 vocational courses.

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29 The Basic CSTC is hereby declared as a requisite for  
30 graduation in the said courses.

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32 **SECTION 4.** *Coverage.* – All tertiary-level students, male and  
33 female, enrolled in baccalaureate degree courses or technical  
34 vocational courses (which may be completed in at least two (2)  
35 years in all public and private colleges, universities, or similar  
36 learning institutions shall be required to undergo the Basic CSTC.

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38 **SECTION 5.** *Special CSTC for Students under Specific*  
39 *Circumstances.* – There shall be no exemptions from the Basic  
40 CSTC. However, the Citizen Service Mobilization Commission

1 shall prescribe Special CSTC to address the peculiar needs and  
2 circumstances of students under the following circumstances:

3 (a) Those who are classified and officially registered as  
4 persons with disabilities;

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6 (b) Those whose religious beliefs prohibit the use of firearms  
7 in rendering service to the country; and

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9 (c) Those who have been convicted by final judgment of  
10 crimes involving moral turpitude;

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12 *Provided*, that foreign citizens enrolled in baccalaureate  
13 degree courses or technical vocational courses where CSTC is  
14 required shall also undergo a Special CSTC prescribed by the  
15 Citizen Service Mobilization Commission that would deepen their  
16 understanding and appreciation of the Philippines, its people,  
17 society, culture and government, and harness their potential as  
18 bridges to improve their respective countries' ties with the  
19 Philippines.

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21 **SECTION 6. Advance CSTC.** – There is also hereby instituted an  
22 Advance CSTC which may be pursued by all graduates of the Basic  
23 CSTC, except those who have been convicted by final judgment of  
24 crimes involving moral turpitude; and who have successfully  
25 finished a one-semester officer qualifying course within the first  
26 two (2) years of their baccalaureate degree courses or technical  
27 vocational courses. The officer qualifying course shall include  
28 leadership and management training, which will equip the graduates  
29 thereof to themselves administer the Basic CSTC; shall be  
30 completed in one (1) semester; and shall consist of at least one  
31 hundred and twenty-eight (128) hours of lecture, practical training  
32 and field exercises in external and territorial defense, internal  
33 security and peace and order, and disaster risk reduction and  
34 management.

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36 It shall be mandatory for all public and private colleges,  
37 universities and similar learning institutions offering baccalaureate  
38 degree courses to offer the Advance CSTC in all their campuses,  
39 which shall have a duration of at least eight (8) semesters over four  
40 (4) school years, unless otherwise allowed by the Citizen Service  
41 Training Board. However, enrollment thereunder shall be voluntary.

1 Graduates of the Advance CSTC shall be posted to leadership roles  
2 in the Citizen Service Corps established herein.

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4 **SECTION 7. Preparatory CSTC.**— There is further hereby  
5 instituted a Preparatory CSTC which shall be administered and  
6 implemented by the Department of Education (DepEd) to all  
7 students, male and female, enrolled in Grades 11 and 12 in all  
8 public and private learning institutions. The Preparatory CSTC shall  
9 be an introductory/orientation course to the Basic CSTC and is  
10 hereby declared a requirement for enrollment in all baccalaureate  
11 degree courses or technical vocational courses (which may be  
12 completed in at least two (2) years) in all public and private  
13 colleges, universities, and similar learning institutions.

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15 **ARTICLE IV**

16 **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITIZEN SERVICE CORPS**

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18 **SECTION 8. Citizen Service Corps.** – There is hereby established a  
19 Citizen Service Corps (Corps) which shall be composed of all the  
20 graduates of CSTC and may be called upon and mobilized to assist  
21 the national government, its agencies and instrumentalities, and the  
22 local government units in their functions related to external and  
23 territorial defense, internal security and peace and order, and  
24 disaster risk reduction and management.

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26 **ARTICLE V**

27 **CREATION OF THE CITIZEN SERVICE MOBILIZATION**  
28 **COMMISSION**

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30 **SECTION 9. Citizen Service Mobilization Commission.** – There is  
31 hereby created a Citizen Service Mobilization Commission  
32 (Commission), which shall oversee the CSTC and the Corps, and  
33 implement the objectives and purposes of this Act. The President  
34 shall appoint the Chairperson and the four (4) Commissioners as  
35 provided herein within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this  
36 Act. The Commission must organize itself in accordance with the  
37 provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days from the appointment  
38 of all its members. The Commission shall be an attached agency of  
39 the Office of the President.

1           The Commission shall ensure the full implementation of this  
2 Act within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act.

3 **SECTION 10.** *Composition of the Commission.* – The Commission  
4 shall be composed of a Chairperson and four (4) Commissioners,  
5 namely, the Commissioner for External and Territorial Defense, the  
6 Commissioner for Internal Security and Peace and Order, the  
7 Commissioner for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, and  
8 the Commissioner for Educational Institutions. The Secretary of the  
9 Department of National Defense (DND), the Secretary of the  
10 Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the  
11 Chairperson of the Commission of Higher Education (CHED), and  
12 the Director General of the Technical Education and Skills  
13 Development Authority (TESDA), or their duly-authorized  
14 representatives with a rank of at least Assistant Secretary for the  
15 DND and the DILG, Commissioner for the CHED, or Board  
16 Member for the TESDA, shall be *ex-officio* members of the  
17 Commission.  
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19           The Chairperson and the Commissioners shall be citizens and  
20 residents of the Philippines, at least thirty-five (35) years of age, of  
21 good moral character, of recognized probity and independence, and,  
22 through their training, experience, and education, must have  
23 distinguished themselves as best-suited to discharge the duties of  
24 their offices. They must not have been candidates for any elective  
25 national or local office in the immediately preceding elections,  
26 whether regular or special. The Chairperson and the  
27 Commissioners, who shall have the rank equivalent of cabinet  
28 secretary and undersecretary, respectively, shall be appointed by the  
29 President.  
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31 **SECTION 11.** *Quorum.* – Five (5) members of the Commission  
32 shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of at least a  
33 majority of those present, there being a quorum, shall be necessary  
34 for the adoption of any rule, ruling, order, resolution, decision, or  
35 other acts of the Commission; Provided, that the affirmative vote of  
36 at least five (5) members of the Commission shall be necessary for  
37 the exercise of the powers and functions of the Commission under  
38 Section 13(a), (d), (f), (j), and (k), as well as those under Section 18,  
39 paragraph 4, Section 27, and Section 29.  
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1 **SECTION 12. *Term of Office.*** – The term of office of the  
2 Chairperson and the Commissioners shall be four (4) years, subject  
3 to reappointment: *Provided*, that no person shall serve as  
4 Chairperson or Commissioner for more than two (2) consecutive  
5 terms.  
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7 Of those first appointed, the Chairperson and the two (2)  
8 Commissioners first to be appointed shall hold office for four (4)  
9 years, while the two (2) Commissioners last to be appointed shall  
10 hold office for two (2) years. Appointment to any vacancy shall  
11 only be for the unexpired term of the predecessor.  
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13 **SECTION 13. *Powers of the Commission.*** – The Commission shall  
14 have the following powers:  
15

16 (a) Design, prescribe and/or approve the programs of  
17 instruction for the CSTC, including special courses for students  
18 under specific circumstances;  
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20 (b) Ensure the proper administration of the CSTC;  
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22 (c) Exercise supervision and control over all agencies, offices  
23 and persons, directly implementing the CSTC;  
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25 (d) Recommend to the President of the Philippines the  
26 general, nationwide or large-scale mobilization of the Corps;  
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28 (e) Approve, as required under this Act, the deployment of a  
29 limited number of the Corps to national government agencies and  
30 local government units to assist in regional, provincial, city,  
31 municipal or barangay level disasters, emergencies and other  
32 contingencies;  
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34 (f) Approve the regular deployment of a limited number of  
35 the Corps to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the  
36 Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Office of Civil Defense  
37 (OCD) to serve as reservists and active duty cadres to meet the  
38 peace time stand by reserve requirements of said agencies. To  
39 complement the existing AFP Reserve Force, the Commission is  
40 hereby authorized and mandated to organize the reserve components  
41 of the PNP and the OCD within six (6) months from the effectivity



1 of this Act. Thereafter, the administration, operational control and  
2 funding of the newly organized reserve components shall be vested  
3 upon the PNP and the OCD, respectively. However, the  
4 Commission retains the authority to determine the allocation of the  
5 Corps to each of the reserve components;

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7 (g) Investigate or secure the services or assistance of the  
8 appropriate agencies to investigate cases of corruption, graft,  
9 hazing, sexual harassment and other abuses in the conduct of the  
10 CSTC, mobilization of the Corps and implementation of this Act;

11  
12 (h) Issue serial numbers to all graduates of the CSTC;

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14 (i) Maintain a registry of all trainees and graduates of the  
15 CSTC;

16  
17 (j) Promulgate the appropriate rules and regulations, in  
18 accordance with Section 36 hereof, to fully implement the  
19 provisions of this Act;

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21 (k) Appoint, fix the compensation and determine the status,  
22 qualifications, and duties of the staff of the Commission. The  
23 members of the technical staff, except those performing purely  
24 clerical functions, shall possess at least a baccalaureate degree;

25  
26 (l) Generate and utilize resources to fully implement the  
27 provisions of this Act;

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29 (m) Audit the utilization of the fees collected by public and  
30 private colleges, universities and similar learning institutions under  
31 Section 32 of this Act; and

32  
33 (n) Exercise such other powers as are necessary or essential to  
34 fully implement the provisions of this Act.

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36 **SECTION 14. *Organization of the Commission.*** – The Commission  
37 shall have a Citizen Service Training Board and a Citizen Service  
38 Mobilization Board.

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40 **SECTION 15. *Citizen Service Training Board.*** – The Citizen  
41 Service Training Board (Training Board) shall be composed of the

1 Chairperson as head, the four (4) Commissioners, the Chairperson  
2 of the CHED and the Director General of the TESDA, or their  
3 dulyauthorized representatives, which shall be a Commissioner for  
4 the CHED and a Board Member for the TESDA.

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6 The Training Board shall come up with the initial CSTC  
7 Programs of Instruction (CSTC POI), including the officer  
8 qualifying course, within sixty (60) days from the organization of  
9 the Commission. For this purpose, the Training Board is hereby  
10 directed to tap the technical expertise of the AFP, the PNP and the  
11 OCD, the expertise and experience of stakeholders in both public  
12 and private sector, and the curriculum development expertise of the  
13 CHED, the TESDA and the DepEd, as well as public and private  
14 colleges, universities and similar learning institutions. The CSTC  
15 POI shall be subject to the approval of the Commission. The  
16 Training Board shall also supervise the continuous development of  
17 the CSTC POI.

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19 Thereafter, the Commission, through the Training Board, shall  
20 ensure the incorporation of the CSTC POI in the curricula of all  
21 baccalaureate degree courses and all technical vocational courses  
22 (which may be completed in at least two (2) years) offered by public  
23 and private colleges, universities and similar learning institutions,  
24 and in the curricula of Grade 11 and Grade 12 in all public and  
25 private learning institutions.

26  
27 The Training Board shall adopt guidelines, which shall be  
28 incorporated in the rules and regulations of the Commission, for the  
29 organization of a Department of Citizen Service Training in  
30 every public and private colleges, universities and similar learning  
31 institutions. For colleges and universities with multiple campuses,  
32 there shall be a Department of Citizen Service Training for each  
33 campus.

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35 **SECTION 16.** *Citizen Service Mobilization Board.*— The Citizen  
36 Service Mobilization Board (Mobilization Board) shall be  
37 composed of the Chairperson as head, the four (4)  
38 Commissioners, the Secretary of the DND, the Secretary of the  
39 DILG, and the Secretary of Social Welfare and Development, or  
40 their dulyauthorized representatives, with a rank of at least Assistant  
41 Secretary, and the Chief of Staff of the AFP and the Director

1 General of the PNP, or their duly authorized representatives with a  
2 rank of at least Brigadier General, Commodore or Chief  
3 Superintendent, as the case may be.

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5 The Mobilization Board shall administer the process of  
6 deployment of the Corps in accordance with the provisions of this  
7 Act.

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9 **ARTICLE VI**  
10 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITIZEN SERVICE TRAINING COURSE**

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12 **SECTION 17.** *Components of the CSTC.* – The CSTC shall have  
13 the following basic components:

- 14  
15 (a) External and Territorial Defense Training;  
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17 (b) Internal Security and Peace and Order Training; and  
18  
19 (c) Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training.

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21 In addition to the foregoing basic components, the CSTC shall  
22 instill upon the youth the ideals of patriotism, nationalism and  
23 respect for human rights. These components shall be incorporated  
24 into four (4) modules which shall be administered in a span of at  
25 least four (4) semesters over at least two (2) years, unless otherwise  
26 allowed by the Training Board, and for at least sixty-four (64) hours  
27 every semester and sixteen (16) hours of field training exercises  
28 every year.

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30 The trainees shall be organized by squads, platoons,  
31 companies, battalions, brigades and divisions similar to military  
32 units. Military-type of discipline, organization and trainee  
33 movement shall be observed in the conduct of the CSTC.

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35 **SECTION 18.** *Department of Citizen Service Training.* – Tasked  
36 with the primary duty and responsibility of fully implementing the  
37 CSTC in their respective campuses, an autonomous department  
38 within each campus of their respective institutions shall be  
39 established in all public and private colleges, universities and  
40 similar learning institutions in accordance with the structure and  
41 organization provided in the rules and regulations of the

1 Commission. The head of each campus and/or learning institution  
2 shall appoint a department head within thirty (30) days from the  
3 effectivity of the rules and regulations implementing this Act. This  
4 department shall be known as the Department of Citizen Service  
5 Training (DCST), which shall be directly under the office of the  
6 head of each campus and/or learning institution.

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8 The DCST shall be civilian in character and shall administer  
9 the CSTC. However, it is understood that personnel of the AFP,  
10 PNP and the Bureau of Fire Protection shall not be disqualified  
11 from being appointed as heads of the DCST.

12  
13 The head of the DCST shall be chosen by the head of the  
14 learning institution from among candidates who by reason of their  
15 training, experience and/or education in the fields of external and  
16 territorial defense, internal security and peace and order and/or  
17 disaster risk reduction management is best qualified to be the head  
18 of the DCST. The Commission shall have the authority to prescribe  
19 the qualifications for the head of DCST.

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21 Should a learning institution fail to organize a DCST and/or  
22 appoint a DCST head within the period stated above, the  
23 Commission shall cause the establishment of a DCST and/or  
24 appoint the head thereof.

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26 **SECTION 19.** *The University of the Philippines as Curriculum and*  
27 *Development Center.* –The University of the Philippines (U.P.), as  
28 the National University, through its various DCSTs in each of its  
29 campuses, shall serve as the CSTC POI research and development  
30 center for the Commission. For this purpose, there shall be created a  
31 U.P. Center for Citizens Service Training (CCST) which shall be an  
32 autonomous unit under the Office of the U.P. President and shall  
33 have the following powers:

34  
35 (a) Undertake studies, surveys, and research to assess and/or  
36 enhance the implementation of the CSTC;

37  
38 (b) Design and develop CSTC subjects and modules for the  
39 review and approval of the Commission;

1 (c) Pilot test CSTC subjects, modules and programs it  
2 designed and developed within the U.P. system for purposes of  
3 assessment; and

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5 The U.P. CCST shall be located at the U.P. Diliman DCST.  
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7 **SECTION 20.** *Development of the CSTC POI.* – The U.P. CCST  
8 shall propose improvements to the CSTC POI, which shall undergo  
9 pilot-testing in each of the U.P. campuses. The pilot-tested CSTC  
10 POI shall be submitted for the assessment, consideration and  
11 approval of the Commission within thirty (30) days from the last  
12 day of the pilot-testing semester.

13  
14 The Commission and the U.P. CCST shall ensure the  
15 participation of third-party stakeholders and experts in the fields of  
16 external and territorial defense, internal security and peace and  
17 order, and disaster risk reduction and management in the continued  
18 development and improvement of the CSTC POI.

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20 **ARTICLE VII**

21 **DEPLOYMENT OF THE CITIZEN SERVICE CORPS**  
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23 **SECTION 21.** *Requests for Deployment.* – The Corps may be  
24 called upon and mobilized to assist the national government, its  
25 agencies and instrumentalities and the local government units in  
26 their functions related to external and territorial defense, internal  
27 security and peace and order, and disaster risk reduction and  
28 management, through requests for deployment by the heads of such  
29 national government agencies or local government units submitted  
30 to the Mobilization Board. The requests shall contain a justification  
31 for the deployment of the Corps and shall contain information as  
32 may be required by the Commission, including the nature of the  
33 national or local contingencies to be addressed, the purpose of the  
34 requested deployment, the number of personnel requested to be  
35 deployed and the period of deployment.

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37 **SECTION 22.** *Evaluation of the Requests for Deployment.* – The  
38 Mobilization Board shall evaluate the requests for  
39 deployment. When the number of personnel requested does not  
40 exceed one hundred and fifty (150) and the period of deployment  
41 does not exceed sixty (60) days, the Mobilization Board shall decide

1 whether to approve or disapprove the request within twenty-four  
2 (24) hours from receipt thereof. When the number of personnel  
3 requested exceeds one hundred and fifty (150) or the period of  
4 deployment exceeds sixty (60) days, the Mobilization Board shall  
5 make a recommendation to the Commission within twenty-four (24)  
6 hours from receipt of the request. The Commission shall decide  
7 whether to approve or disapprove the request within twenty-four  
8 (24) hours from receipt of the recommendation of the Mobilization  
9 Board.

10  
11 In case of the approval of the request for deployment, the  
12 Mobilization Board shall issue an Order of Deployment requiring  
13 the Corps, or a number thereof, to assist the national government, its  
14 agencies and instrumentalities and the local government units in  
15 their functions related to external and territorial defense, internal  
16 security and peace and order, and disaster risk reduction and  
17 management.

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19 **SECTION 23.** *Deployment in Case of a Declaration of a State of*  
20 *War, State of Lawless Violence or State of Calamity; Nationwide*  
21 *Mobilization.* – In case of a declaration of a state of war, state of  
22 lawless violence or state of calamity, the Commission may *motu*  
23 *proprio* recommend the mobilization of the Corps to the President  
24 of the Philippines. The President of the Philippines, by himself,  
25 shall also have the power to order the mobilization of the Corps to  
26 respond to national or local contingencies related to external and  
27 territorial defense, internal security and peace and order and/or  
28 disaster risk reduction management.

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30 **SECTION 24.** *Mobilization Centers.* – There shall be established in  
31 each province and city as many mobilization centers as needed  
32 according to the number and geographical distribution of the Corps,  
33 where they will report in case of deployment. The local government  
34 units shall provide an office, which shall be known as the Citizen  
35 Service Office, which shall handle the administrative aspects of  
36 mobilization.

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38 In case of mobilization, the equipment of the Corps shall be  
39 supplied in close coordination with the AFP, the PNP and the OCD,  
40 with the end in view of achieving rapid mobilization.

1 **SECTION 25.** *Lines of Command.* – Upon deployment, operational  
2 control over the Corps shall be vested upon the head of the  
3 requesting national government agency or local government unit:  
4 *Provided,* that, in case of deployment for purposes of external and  
5 territorial defense, when the Corps is mobilized to expand the AFP  
6 in the event of war, invasion, rebellion or similar circumstances,  
7 operational control shall be vested upon the AFP.

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9 **SECTION 26.** *Expenses of Deployment.* – The role of the  
10 Commission shall be to provide and marshal the required personnel  
11 to address national or local contingencies involving external and  
12 territorial defense, internal security and peace and order, and  
13 national disaster risk reduction and management. Upon deployment,  
14 the national government agency or the local government unit to  
15 which the Corps is deployed shall shoulder the operational expenses  
16 of deployment.

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18 **SECTION 27.** *Operationalization of Deployment.* – The  
19 Mobilization Board, subject to the approval of the Commission,  
20 shall promulgate the specific mechanisms by which deployment is  
21 efficiently implemented, including the organization of the Corps to  
22 be deployed, their territorial assignments, how deployment orders  
23 are communicated to each member of the Corps and to which  
24 mobilization center they will report.

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26 **SECTION 28.** *Serial Numbers and Registry.* – Upon completion of  
27 the Basic CSTC, the graduates shall be issued individual serial  
28 numbers, which will serve as their identification in case of  
29 deployment.

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31 The Commission shall maintain and update a registry  
32 containing information on the members of the Corps, assigning to  
33 them identification numbers and categorizing them according to  
34 their competencies and capabilities. For this purpose, all public and  
35 private colleges, universities and learning institutions shall annually  
36 transmit their records of the graduates of the CSTC to the  
37 Commission, in the form as may be determined by the Commission.

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39 **SECTION 29.** *Termination of Deployment.* – Upon the expiration  
40 of the requested period of deployment, without an extension having  
41 been requested and approved by the Commission, the Corps shall be

1 discharged of its duties. The deployment may also be terminated  
2 earlier upon a determination by the Commission, in consultation  
3 with the requesting national government agency or local  
4 government unit, that such deployment is no longer in accordance  
5 with the objectives and purposes of this Act.

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7 **ARTICLE VIII**  
8 **FUNDING OF THE CITIZEN SERVICE CORPS**

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10 **SECTION 30.** *Citizen Service Fund.* – A Citizen Service Fund is  
11 hereby established exclusively for the implementation of the  
12 objectives and purposes of this Act. The Office of the President  
13 shall monitor and evaluate the activities and the balances of the  
14 Fund.

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16 **SECTION 31.** *Appropriations.* – All funds previously appropriated  
17 for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the Reserve  
18 Officers' Training Corps Program of the AFP, established under  
19 Republic Act No. 7077, as amended, and which will subsequently  
20 and hereafter be appropriated for such purpose shall be used  
21 exclusively for the implementation of the objectives and purposes of  
22 this Act. All funds appropriated for the implementation of the  
23 National Service Training Program under Republic Act No. 9163  
24 shall also be used exclusively for the implementation of the  
25 objectives and purposes of this Act.

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27 An initial funding of Fifty million pesos (Php50,000,000.00)  
28 shall be allocated from the Presidential Social Fund to sustain the  
29 operation of the Commission and the implementation of this Act for  
30 the first year of its effectivity. Thereafter, the Citizen Service Fund  
31 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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33 **SECTION 32.** *School Fees.* – Public and private colleges,  
34 universities and similar learning institutions shall not collect any fee  
35 for the CSTC, except basic tuition fees, which shall be not more  
36 than fifty percent (50%) of what is charged per academic unit. All  
37 such fees collected by the learning institution shall be used  
38 exclusively for the direct training costs of those undergoing the  
39 CSTC in the said learning institution.



1 **SECTION 33.** *Incentives for Students Pursuing Advance CSTC.* –  
2 Students pursuing the Advance CSTC shall be entitled to tuition fee  
3 discounts according to the following schedule:

4  
5 (a) Successful graduates of the officer qualifying course shall  
6 be entitled to fifty percent (50%) discount on their tuition fees  
7 effective the semester after their completion of the officer  
8 qualifying course until their completion of the Basic CSTC  
9 provided they serve as officers of the CSTC; and

10  
11 (b) During their training under the Advance CSTC; they shall  
12 be entitled to one hundred percent (100%) discount on their tuition  
13 fees.

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15 For this purpose, public colleges, universities and similar  
16 learning institutions shall issue tuition waivers in favor of the said  
17 students serving as officers of the CSTC. For private colleges,  
18 universities and similar learning institutions, the tuition fee  
19 discounts shall be subsidized from the Fund.

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21 Officers of the CSTC shall likewise be entitled to a uniform  
22 allowance, which shall be provided and given in kind by the  
23 Commission.

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25 Furthermore, upon completion of the Advance CSTC, the  
26 graduates shall be entitled to a reserve commission as second  
27 lieutenant or its equivalent in the AFP, PNP or OCD; Provided, that  
28 they shall have obtained their baccalaureate degree courses within  
29 four (4) years from such completion, failing which their reserve  
30 commission shall be deemed revoked by operation of law.

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32 The Commission shall ensure that an adequate portion of the  
33 Fund is allocated for the above incentives. The budget of the  
34 Commission to be submitted to the President shall likewise  
35 incorporate such allocation.

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37 **ARTICLE IX**  
38 **PENAL PROVISIONS**

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40 **SECTION 34.** *Failure to Respond.* – (a) Failure to respond to the  
41 order of deployment for external and territorial defense shall be

1 punishable in accordance with the Articles of War, and shall, upon  
2 conviction by a court-martial, be punishable by imprisonment of not  
3 less than six (6) months but not more than two (2) years;

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5 (b) Failure to respond to the order of deployment for internal  
6 security and peace and order or disaster risk reduction and  
7 management shall, upon conviction by a civil court, be punishable  
8 as follows:

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10 First Offense: One hundred and twenty (120)  
11 hours of community service;

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13 Second Offense: Two hundred and forty (240)  
14 hours of community service; and

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16 Third and Subsequent Offenses: Six (6) months imprisonment  
17 and four hundred and eighty (480)  
18 hours of community service.

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20 **SECTION 35.** *Corruption, graft, hazing and other abuses.* – For  
21 acts already penalized under existing laws such as corruption, graft,  
22 hazing, sexual harassment, and other abuses committed by persons  
23 authorized to administer the CSTC and deployment of the Corps,  
24 the maximum penalty imposable under existing laws shall be  
25 imposed.

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27 **ARTICLE X**

28 **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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30 **SECTION 36.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* – The  
31 Commission shall be tasked to formulate and approve the necessary  
32 rules and regulations to implement the objectives and purposes of  
33 this Act within sixty (60) days from its organization. The rules and  
34 regulations shall include provisions on the structure and  
35 organization of the Corps under Section 8, the structure and  
36 organization of the Department of Citizen Service Training under  
37 Section 18, the specific mechanisms for the efficient mobilization  
38 and deployment of the Corps under Section 27, the incentives for  
39 students pursuing Advance CSTC under Section 33, and such other  
40 matters as the Commission may deem necessary or essential to fully  
41 implement the objectives and purposes of this Act.

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ARTICLE XI  
**TRANSITORY PROVISION**

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**SECTION 37.** *Transitory Provision.* – To ensure efficient transition and to enable all public and private colleges, universities, and similar learning institutions to adopt the necessary structural changes within their units in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the CSTC shall be administered in all public colleges, universities, and similar learning institutions after the Commission has formulated the necessary implementing rules and regulations described in Section 36.

The Training Board shall ensure that the initial set of program managers who shall instruct and train the first sets of enrollees in the CSTC in all public and private colleges, universities and similar learning institutions are properly trained and equipped. For this purpose, the Training Board shall develop a Program Managers Training Course. All covered institutions are required to send program managers in a number sufficient to implement the CSTC.

In all cases, students who are currently enrolled under the curriculum implemented by virtue of Republic Act No. 9163, otherwise known as the National Service Training Program Act of 2001, shall be allowed to finish the curriculum and be deemed to have satisfied the requirement for graduation after completion thereof.

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ARTICLE XII  
**FINAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 38.** *Repealing Clause.* Republic Act No. 9163, otherwise known as the “National Service Training Program Act of 2001”, is hereby repealed. The relevant provisions of Republic Act No. 7707, otherwise known as the “Citizen Armed Forces of the Philippines Reservist Act”, are hereby amended as appropriate. All other laws, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are likewise hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 39.** *Separability Clause.* If any section or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other

1 sections or provisions not affected by the declaration shall remain  
2 valid and in full force and effect.

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4 **SECTION 40.** *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen  
5 (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of national  
6 circulation.