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AUTHORITY (TESDA) MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (MDI) IN
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) was primarily created to provide relevant, accessible, high quality and efficient technical education and skills development in support of the development of high-quality Filipino middle-level manpower responsive to and in accordance with Philippine development goals and priorities.

In the fulfillment of TESDA's mandate, it established three (3) TESDA training centers in SOCCSKSARGEN Region. Despite this, its presence is still not enough to accommodate more of its youth population, especially the out-of-school youth. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reports that the unemployment rate of Region XII accounts to 3.8% with underemployment rate of 17.9%.

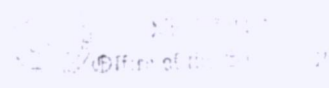
Meanwhile, the construction sector has been one of the largest employment generators in the country. For 2017-2022, the Philippine Construction Industry is targeted to grow at a very fast pace under the Build Build Build Program of the government which aims to accelerate infrastructure development translating into multiplier economic effects.

The lack of regional training center and the lack of training capability to empower the youth population to respond with the growing opportunities in the region must be acted with the creation of TESDA Manpower Development Institute (MDI) in the region.

In this regard, this bill seeks to expand the coverage of TESDA programs by creating a TESDA Training Institute in SOCCSKSARGEN Region to address the lack in training centers and enhance the quality of manpower in the Region and the neighboring provinces.

In view of the foregoing, the approval 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 **Section 1. TESDA Manpower and Development Institute (MDI).** – There shall be an
2 established Technological Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Manpower
3 Development Institute (MDI) in the SOCCSKSARGEN or Region XII under the control and
4 supervision of the TESDA.
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6 The MDI is a TESDA Regional Training Center which is responsive to the agency's
7 mandate and to the current Build Build Build program of the government. It will be a premier
8 Construction Training Center in the Philippines making Construction as its Center of
9 Excellence. It will provide a set of qualifications under the construction sector and its related
10 standards. The Institute will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for construction.
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12 **Section 2. General Mandate.** – The TESDA-MDI shall provide technical-vocational
13 training and skills development programs to students from low-income families and to out-of-
14 school youths in the SOCCSKSARGEN Region and its neighboring provinces. It shall mold
15 the students to become productive, self-reliant, and globally-competitive middle-level
16 manpower, responsive to and in accordance with Philippine Development Goals and Priorities,
17 in order to boost the socio-economic development of the Region and to competently meet the
18 demands of local and international labor markets.
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20 The TESDA-MDI shall also serve as regional competency assessment center for the
21 construction sector and related courses in the whole SOCCSKSARGEN Region. In
22 coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), it shall render when necessary and
23 practicable, teacher's capability building programs and curriculum design technical assistance
24 to the secondary schools in the Region offering technical-vocational and livelihood track and
25 under the K-12 Program from DepEd.
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27 **Section 3. Curricular Offerings.** – The TESDA-MDI shall address the skills
28 development priorities of the SOCCSKSARGEN Region focusing on construction sector and
29 related qualifications. It shall also offer Diploma programs and other short-term courses in
30 preferred market-driven and relevant technical-vocational courses or qualifications within its
31 areas of specialization in consultation with the Department of Labor and and Employment

1 (DOLE), the Local Government Units (LGUs), the industries and such other relevant agencies,
2 both local and international.

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4 The TESDA-MDI is committed in providing quality technical education relevant to the
5 needs of the community and industry focusing on the construction sector in accordance with
6 the agency's standards on curriculum development and program registration. This can be
7 achieved through providing quality facilities that meet the industry standards, providing
8 adequate resources for the trainers and students and enhancing the facilities to support studies,
9 disciplines and activities for students and training staff. Since the agency is providing technical-
10 vocational and educational training for global competitiveness, the institute will provide
11 programs aligned with the ASEAN Qualification Reference Framework (AQRF).

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13 The TESDA-MDI may likewise establish research and development centers, mobile
14 training programs, satellite offices throughout the SOCCSKSARGEN Region to strengthen
15 linkages between the industry, academe, and the technology programs.

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17 **Section 4. *Site.*** – The TESDA Manpower Development Institute shall be established
18 in the municipality of Alabel, pursuant to the mutual agreement between TESDA and the Local
19 Government Unit of Alabel, Sarangani Province.

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21 **Section 5. *Organizational Structure and Staffing Program.*** – The TESDA Manpower
22 Development Institute shall adopt the organizational structure and staffing pattern of a TESDA
23 Regional Training Center in accordance with the existing guidelines of the Department of
24 Budget and Management (DBM), and the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

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26 **Section 6. *Appropriations.*** – An initial amount of One Hundred Million Pesos
27 (Php100,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the implementation of this Act. Thereafter, the
28 amount necessary for the funding of the TESDA-MDI shall be included in the annual General
29 Appropriations Act as a separate line item budget under TESDA.

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31 **Section 7. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be declared invalid
32 or unconstitutional, the remaining part of provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in
33 force.

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35 **Section 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – All existing laws or parts thereof inconsistent with
36 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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38 **Section 9. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
39 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general
40 circulation.

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