


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING ENABLING MECHANISMS FOR MEANINGFUL YOUTH
PARTICIPATION IN NATION BUILDING, STRENGTHENING THE
SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, CREATING THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND
PROVINCIAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Section 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Youth Development and Empowerment Act of 2014".

Section 2. Declaration of State Policies and Objectives. - The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and thus, promotes and protects their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being, inculcates in them patriotism, nationalism and other desirable values, and encourages their involvement in public and civic affairs.

Towards this end, the State shall establish adequate, effective, responsive and enabling mechanisms and support systems that will ensure the meaningful participation of the youth in local governance and in nation building.

1 **Section 3. Definition of Terms.** – For purposes of this Act, the
2 following terms are hereby defined:

3 (a) “Commission” shall refer to the National Youth Commission
4 created under Republic Act (RA) No. 8044;

5 (b) “Community-based Youth Organizations” shall refer to
6 organizations whose membership or programs and projects are
7 based only on a specific sitio or purok, province, city, municipality
8 or barangay;

9 (c) “Council” shall refer to the Local Youth Development Council in the
10 province, city and municipality;

11 (d) “Faith-based Youth Organizations” shall refer to those
12 organizations whose members share common faith, moral
13 persuasion and spiritual beliefs with programs, projects and
14 activities catering to the youth;

15 (e) “Ideology-based youth organizations” shall refer to youth
16 organizations whose members are advancing a legitimate social
17 ideology or thought;

18 (f) “Local chief executive” shall refer to the provincial governor, city
19 and municipal mayor;

20 (g) “Local Government Operations Officer” shall refer to the duly
21 designated head of the office of the Department of the Interior and
22 Local Government stationed in the concerned local government
23 unit;

24 (h) “Local sanggunian” shall refer to the sangguniang panlalawigan,
25 sangguniang panlungsod and sangguniang bayan;

- 1 (i) "Out of School Youth Organizations" shall refer to youth
2 organizations whose members are not attending formal schooling;
- 3 (j) "Student councils" shall refer to official student body duly elected
4 by the students as their student government;
- 5 (k) "Youth Affairs Provincial Officer" shall refer to the person duly
6 appointed or designated by the Commission to serve as its agent in
7 the province with the tasks provided for in this Act or as the
8 Commission may deem necessary;
- 9 (l) "Youth" shall refer to those persons whose ages range from fifteen
10 (15) to thirty (30) years old as defined by R.A. 8044;
- 11 (m) "Youth Organizations" shall refer to those organizations whose
12 membership/composition are the youth;
- 13 (n) "Youth-Serving Organizations" shall refer to those registered
14 organizations whose principal programs, projects and activities are
15 youth-oriented and youth-related;
- 16 (o) "Youth with Specific Needs Organizations" shall refer to
17 organizations whose members as well as programs and projects
18 are intended to the youth in need of special care, attention or
19 protection to include, but not limited to, members of indigenous
20 cultural communities, persons with disabilities, victims or in
21 situation of armed conflicts, calamities or natural disasters, drug
22 dependents, abandoned, abused or exploited, and youth offenders
23 and children or youth in conflict with the law, vulnerable youth
24 and members of the lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgenders or
25 LGBT community; and

1 (p) "Working Youth, Young Entrepreneurs and Young Professionals
2 Organizations" shall refer to youth organizations or youth
3 associations whose members are either employed, practicing
4 entrepreneurs or working young professionals, or whose programs
5 and projects are intended for the youth who are employed,
6 practicing entrepreneurs or working young professionals. Youth
7 cooperatives and youth unions fall under this classification.

8 CHAPTER II

9 THE KATIPUNAN NG KABATAAN AND THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN

10 **Section 4.** *Katipunan ng Kabataan.* – There shall be in every barangay
11 a katipunan ng kabataan to be composed of all citizens of the Philippines
12 residing in the barangay for at least six (6) months, who are at least fifteen
13 (15) but not more than twenty-four (24) years of age, and who are duly
14 registered in the list of the Commission on Elections and/or the records of
15 the sangguniang kabataan secretary.

16 **Section 5.** *Powers and Functions of the Katipunan ng Kabataan.* - The
17 katipunan ng kabatan shall:

18 (a) Elect the sangguniang kabataan chairperson and members;

19 (b) Serve as the highest policy-making body to decide on matters
20 affecting the youth in the barangay. As such, the sangguniang
21 kabataan shall consult and secure the concurrence of the
22 katipunan ng kabataan in the formulation of all its programs,
23 plans and activities; and

1 (c) Reprimand, suspend or remove the sangguniang kabataan
2 chairperson or any of the sangguniang kabataan members in
3 accordance with section 19 of this act.

4 **Section 6.** *Katipunan ng Kabataan Assembly.* - The katipunan ng
5 kabataan shall meet at least once every six months at the day and time to
6 be determined by the sangguniang kabataan. However, the sangguniang
7 kabataan chairperson, a majority of the sangguniang kabataan members, or
8 at least one-fifth (1/5) of all its members may call for a special katipunan ng
9 kabataan assembly. The purpose of such shall be clearly stated in the notice
10 to be distributed to all katipunan ng kabataan members not later than three
11 (3) days before the conduct of the special assembly. The first katipunan ng
12 kabataan assembly shall take place within three (3) months after the duly
13 elected sangguniang kabataan shall have assumed office.

14 **Section 7.** *Creation and Election of the Sangguniang Kabataan.* - (a)
15 There shall be in every barangay a sangguniang kabataan to be composed of
16 a chairperson and seven (7) members who shall be elected by the registered
17 voters of the katipunan ng kabataan. The sangguniang kabataan
18 chairperson shall, with the concurrence of the majority of the sangguniang
19 kabataan members, appoint from among the members of the katipunan ng
20 kabataan, a secretary and a treasurer.

21 (b) A sangguniang kabataan official who, during his or her term of
22 office, shall have passed the age of twenty-four (24) years shall be allowed to
23 serve the remaining portion of the term for which he or she is elected.

24 **Section 8.** *Powers and functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan.* - The
25 sangguniang kabataan shall:

- 1 (a) In consultation and with the concurrence of the katipunan ng
2 kabataan, and within three months from assumption to office,
3 formulate a three (3) year rolling plan which shall be known as the
4 comprehensive barangay youth development plan which shall serve
5 as basis in the preparation of the annual youth investment
6 program. This plan shall be in line with the comprehensive local
7 youth development plan to be formulated by the council, the
8 comprehensive development plan of the barangay and the province,
9 city and municipality where it belongs and the Philippine Youth
10 Development Plan;
- 11 (b) Approve the annual budget which is the annual slice of the annual
12 youth investment program before the start of the succeeding fiscal
13 year and, if the Sangguniang Kabataan funds allow, a
14 supplemental budget. Any changes in the annual budget shall be
15 in accordance with existing applicable budget rules and
16 procedures;
- 17 (c) Promulgate resolutions necessary to carry out the objectives of the
18 youth in the barangay in accordance with the comprehensive
19 barangay Youth Development Plan and the applicable provisions of
20 this act;
- 21 (d) Initiate and implement, in coordination with the Municipal or City
22 Youth Development Council, any appropriate national government
23 agency and/or any private or non-government institution,
24 programs and projects designed to promote general welfare,
25 development and empowerment of the youth;

- 1 (e) Hold fund-raising activities which are in line with the
2 comprehensive Barangay Youth Development Plan, the proceeds of
3 which shall be tax-exempt and shall accrue to the general fund of
4 the sangguniang kabataan: *Provided*, however, that in the
5 appropriation thereof, the specific purpose for which such activity
6 has been held shall be first satisfied: *Provided further*, that any
7 appropriations thereof shall be in accordance with existing
8 applicable budget, accounting and auditing rules and regulations;
- 9 (f) Create regular and special committees and such other bodies
10 whose chairpersons and members of which shall come from among
11 the members of the sangguniang kabataan or from among the
12 members of the katipunan ng kabataan, as it may deem necessary
13 to effectively carry out its programs and activities;
- 14 (g) Submit the annual and end-of-term program accomplishments and
15 financial reports to the sangguniang barangay and present the
16 same during the katipunan ng kabataan assembly, copy furnished
17 the Office of the Local Government Operations Officer and the
18 Municipal or City Youth Development Council, all in accordance
19 with the prescribed form by the DILG and the Commission;
- 20 (h) Assist in the establishment and registration of youth and youth-
21 serving organizations who may qualify for membership and
22 representation in the Council;
- 23 (i) Adopt and implement a policy on full public disclosure of all its
24 transactions and documents involving public interest; and

1 (j) Exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as
2 may be prescribed by law or ordinance, or delegated by the
3 sangguniang barangay or the Commission.

4 **Section 9.** *Meetings of the Sangguniang Kabataan.* - (a) The
5 sangguniang kabataan shall meet regularly once a month on the date, time
6 and place to be fixed by the said sanggunian. Special meetings may be
7 called by the chairperson or any four (4) of its members by giving written
8 notice of the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting, which can be sent
9 either through personal delivery, registered mail, fax or email, to all
10 members, and must be received at least one (1) day in advance. The
11 sangguniang barangay and the Municipal or City Youth Development
12 Council shall be furnished with notices of regular and special meetings and
13 the minutes of the meetings thereafter.

14 (b) A majority of the members including the chairperson shall
15 constitute *quorum*.

16 **Section 10.** *Qualifications.* - (a) An elective official of the sangguniang
17 kabataan must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the barangay for
18 at least one (1) year immediately preceding the day of the election, a member
19 of the katipunan ng kabataan of the barangay which he or she seeks to be
20 elected, at least eighteen (18) but not more than twenty-four (24) years of
21 age on the day of the election, able to read and write, must not have been
22 convicted by final judgement of any crime involving moral turpitude, and
23 must not be related to any incumbent elected national, local or barangay
24 official within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity.

1 (b) An appointive official of the sangguniang kabataan must be a
2 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the barangay for at least six (6)
3 months, a member of the katipunan ng kabataan who is at least eighteen
4 (18) but not more than twenty-four (24) years of age at the time of
5 appointment, able to read and write, and must not have been convicted by
6 final judgement of any crime involving moral turpitude and must not be
7 related to the appointing authority within the fourth civil degree of
8 consanguinity or affinity.

9 **Section 11. Term of Office.** - (a) The chairperson and members of the
10 sangguniang kabataan shall hold office for a fixed term of three (3) years
11 unless sooner removed for cause, permanently incapacitated, die or resign
12 from office.

13 (b) The sangguniang kabataan secretary and treasurer shall be co-
14 terminus with the appointing authority unless sooner removed for cause,
15 found to have failed from the discharge of his or her duties, or has
16 committed abuse of authority as stipulated in existing laws pertaining to the
17 conduct of public officials, through a majority vote of all the members of the
18 katipunan ng kabataan in a regular or special assembly called for the
19 purpose.

20 **Section 12. Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson.** - The chairperson
21 of the sangguniang kabataan shall automatically serve as an ex-officio
22 member of the sangguniang barangay upon assumption to office. As such,
23 he or she shall exercise the same powers, discharge the same duties and
24 functions, and enjoy the same privileges as the regular sangguniang
25 barangay members; and shall be the chairperson of the committee on youth

1 and sports development. He or she shall be entitled to a pro-rata honoraria
2 for every session of the sangguniang barangay he or she has attended.

3 **Section 13.** *Powers and Functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan*
4 *Chairperson.* - The sangguniang kabataan chairperson shall exercise such
5 powers and discharge such duties as follows:

- 6 (a) Call and preside over all meetings of the sangguniang kabataan,
7 and vote in case of tie, and assemblies of the katipunan ng
8 kabataan except when one of the agenda to be discussed in such
9 assembly involves the disciplinary action against the sangguniang
10 kabataan chairperson, in which case, the highest ranking
11 sangguniang kabataan member shall preside;
- 12 (b) Take the lead in the formulation of the comprehensive youth
13 development plan and in the preparation and implementation of
14 the annual youth investment program;
- 15 (c) Ensure the implementation of policies, programs and projects as
16 contained in the Barangay Annual Youth Investment programs, in
17 coordination with the sangguniang barangay and the Municipal or
18 City Youth Development Council;
- 19 (d) Sign all required documents and warrants drawn from the
20 sangguniang kabataan funds for all expenditures in the
21 implementation of the Comprehensive Barangay Youth
22 Development Plan and Annual Youth Investment Program;
- 23 (e) Exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the
24 sangguniang kabataan and the katipunan ng kabataan as well as
25 the official conduct of its members;

- 1 (f) With the concurrence of the sangguniang kabataan, appoint from
2 among the members of the katipunan ng kabataan a secretary and
3 a treasurer;
- 4 (g) Coordinate with the sangguniang barangay and other youth
5 organizations within his or her barangay on youth-related
6 programs and projects that they wish to initiate and implement
7 and those programs and projects that the sangguniang kabataan
8 shall implement;
- 9 (h) Attend all mandatory capability trainings and seminars and impart
10 the salient features of the same to members of the sangguniang
11 kabataan within one (1) month after his or her attendance; and
- 12 (i) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and
13 functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

14 **Section 14. Sangguniang Kabataan Secretary.** - The sangguniang
15 kabataan secretary shall:

- 16 (a) Keep all the records of the katipunan ng kabataan, including the
17 list of its qualified members, and of the sangguniang kabataan,
18 youth policies, studies, researches and registry of youth and youth
19 serving organizations in the barangay if any;
- 20 (b) Prepare and keep all the minutes of all assemblies of the katipunan
21 ng kabataan and of all the meetings of the sangguniang kabataan;
- 22 (c) Cause the posting, in the barangay bulletin board and in at least
23 three conspicuous places within the jurisdiction of the barangay,
24 and if possible including the use of traditional and non-traditional
25 media, and make available for any person with legal purpose, all

1 resolutions approved by the sangguniang kabataan, the annual
2 and end-of-term reports of the programs and projects implemented
3 by the sangguniang kabataan, the Comprehensive Barangay Youth
4 Development Plan and Annual Youth Investment Program and the
5 dissemination of the same to concerned offices, institutions and
6 individuals; and

7 (d) Perform such other duties and discharge such other functions as
8 the sangguniang kabataan chairperson may prescribe or direct.

9 **Section 15.** *Sangguniang Kabataan Treasurer.* - The sangguniang
10 kabataan treasurer shall:

11 (a) Take custody of all sangguniang kabataan property and funds;

12 (b) Collect and receive contributions, monies, materials, and all other
13 resources intended for the sangguniang kabataan and the
14 katipunan ng kabataan;

15 (c) Serve as co-signatory in all withdrawals from the sangguniang
16 kabataan funds and disburse funds in accordance with the
17 approved annual budget and supplemental budget, as the case
18 may be, of the sangguniang kabataan;

19 (d) Certify to the availability of the sangguniang kabataan funds
20 whenever necessary;

21 (e) Submit to the sangguniang kabataan and to the sangguniang
22 barangay certified and detailed statements of actual income and
23 expenditures at the end of every quarter and the posting of the
24 same in the barangay bulletin board and in at least three
25 conspicuous places within the jurisdiction of the barangay , and if

1 possible including the use of traditional and non-traditional
2 media;

3 (f) Render report during the regular katipunan ng kabataan assembly
4 on the financial status of the sangguniang kabataan; and

5 (g) Perform such other duties and discharge such other functions as
6 the sangguniang kabataan chairperson may prescribe or direct.

7 **Section 16. Privileges of Sangguniang Kabataan Officials.** – (a) All
8 sangguniang kabataan officials in good standing, whether elected or
9 appointed, shall, during their incumbency:

10 (i) Be exempt from payment of tuition and matriculation fees while
11 enrolled in any public tertiary school including state colleges and
12 universities and those locally funded public educational
13 institutions within or nearest their area of jurisdiction. The
14 National Government shall reimburse said college or university the
15 amount of the tuition and matriculation fees;

16 (ii) Be exempt from taking the National Service Training Program –
17 Civic Welfare Training Service (NSTP-CWTS) subjects. In lieu
18 thereof, concerned sangguniang kabataan officials shall submit
19 written reports, preferably with photographs, or other
20 documentations of their participation in the implementation of
21 programs, projects and activities as outlined in the comprehensive
22 barangay investment program. Absence of such reports and
23 documentations or a finding to the contrary upon verification of
24 submitted reports, will disqualify the concerned sangguniang
25 kabataan officials from this privilege. The Commission on Higher

1 Education and the Commission shall jointly promulgate the
2 guidelines for the implementation of this provision;

3 (iii) Be excused from attending their regular classes, if they are
4 currently enrolled in any school, while attending their regular or
5 special sangguniang kabataan meetings, and the sangguniang
6 barangay sessions, in case of the sangguniang kabataan
7 chairperson. A certification of attendance shall be issued by the
8 sangguniang kabataan secretary, attested by the sangguniang
9 kabataan chairperson and duly noted by the punong barangay and
10 shall be submitted to the concerned faculty member and the dean
11 of the educational institution as proof of attendance. In the case of
12 the sangguniang kabataan secretary, the sangguniang kabataan
13 chairperson shall issue the certification duly noted by the punong
14 barangay. In the case of the sangguniang kabataan chairperson,
15 the barangay secretary shall issue the certification of attendance
16 duly noted by the punong barangay. Any person who shall falsely
17 certify as to the attendance of any sangguniang kabataan official
18 shall be criminally and administratively liable ;

19 (iv) Be provided by the National Government with Philippine Health
20 (Philhealth) coverage; and

21 (v) Be entitled to receive actual travelling reimbursements as may be
22 authorized by law, and subject to the availability of funds;
23 Provided, That, such travel is directly related to the performance of
24 their functions as sangguniang kabataan officials and is supported
25 by duly approved travel order by the punong barangay, in the case

1 of the sangguniang kabataan chairperson, or by the sangguniang
2 kabataan chairperson in the case of the other sangguniang
3 kabataan officials.

4 (b) The sangguniang kabataan chairperson shall have the same
5 privileges enjoyed by other sangguniang barangay officials under
6 this Code subject to such requirements and limitations provided
7 herein.

8 **Section 17.** *Person in Authority and Agents of Person in Authority.* -

9 The sangguniang kabataan chairperson shall be considered a person in
10 authority as defined by law in connection with the actual discharge of his or
11 her official duties and functions. All other sangguniang kabataan officials,
12 whether elected or appointed, shall be considered agents of person in
13 authority as defined by law in connection with the actual discharge of their
14 duties and functions.

15 **Section 18.** *Suspension and Removal from Office.* - Any elected official
16 of the sangguniang kabataan may, after due process, be suspended for not
17 more than six months or removed from office either by majority vote of all
18 members of the sangguniang bayan or sangguniang panlungsod which has
19 jurisdiction in the barangay of the concerned sangguniang kabataan official,
20 or by majority vote of all the members of the katipunan ng kabataan of
21 which the concerned sangguniang kabataan official is a duly registered
22 member which shall be final and executory, on any of the following grounds:

23 (a) absence from the regular and special meetings of the sangguniang
24 kabataan without valid cause for two (2) consecutive times or
25 accumulated absences of four (4) within a period of twelve months;

- 1 (b) Failure to convene the regular assembly of the katipunan ng
2 kabataan for two (2) consecutive times;
- 3 (c) Failure to convene the regular sangguniang kabataan meetings for
4 three (3) consecutive months in the case of the sangguniang
5 kabataan chairperson;
- 6 (d) Deliberate failure to formulate the Comprehensive Barangay Youth
7 Development Plan and the Annual Youth Investment Program, or
8 approve the annual budget within the prescribed period of time;
- 9 (e) Deliberate failure to implement programs and projects outlined in
10 the annual -youth investment program;
- 11 (f) Four (4) consecutive absences during the regular sangguniang
12 barangay sessions without valid cause in the case of the
13 sangguniang kabataan chairperson;
- 14 (g) Conviction by final judgement of a crime involving moral turpitude;
15 and violation of existing laws against graft and corruption and
16 other civil service laws, rules and regulations; and
- 17 (h) Failure in the discharge of his or her duty or has committed abuse
18 of authority and other grounds analogous to the foregoing.

19 **Section 19.** *Succession and Filling up of Vacancies.* – (a) In case a
20 sangguniang kabataan chairperson refuses to assume office, fails to qualify,
21 voluntarily resigns, dies, is permanently incapacitated, is removed from
22 office, the sangguniang kabataan member who obtained the highest number
23 of votes in the election immediately preceding shall assume the office of the
24 chairperson for the unexpired portion of his or her term. In case said
25 member refuses to assume the position or fails to qualify, the sangguniang

1 kabataan member obtaining the next highest number of votes shall assume
2 the position of the chairperson for the unexpired portion of the term.

3 (b) After the vacancy shall have been filled, the sangguniang kabataan
4 chairperson shall, within thirty (30) days, call for a special katipunan ng
5 kabataan assembly to elect a sangguniang kabataan member to complete
6 the membership of said sanggunian: Provided, that, such special assembly
7 is coordinated with the Office of the Local Government Operations Officer
8 and the Commission on Elections of the municipality or city where the
9 concerned barangay belongs. Such sangguniang kabataan member shall
10 hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the vacant seat. For this
11 purpose, a katipunan ng kabataan member who has reached the age of 25
12 years old at the time of the special election may be allowed to vote but shall
13 not be eligible to be elected. Any citizen of the Philippines residing in the
14 said barangay for at least six (6) months who attains the age of fifteen (15)
15 years old at the time of the special election and who registers as member of
16 the katipunan ng kabataan before the sangguniang kabataan secretary shall
17 be entitled to vote in the said special election.

18 (c) All other vacancies in the office of the sangguniang kabataan shall
19 be filled in accordance with the immediately preceding provision.

20 (d) In case of suspension of the sangguniang kabataan chairperson,
21 the successor, as determined in subsection (a) of this Section, shall assume
22 the position during the period of such suspension.

23 **Section 20.** *Sangguniang Kabataan Funds.* - The Sangguniang
24 Kabataan Funds shall be governed by the following provisions:

1 (a) All the income of the barangay derived from whatever source shall
2 accrue to its general fund and shall, at the option of the barangay
3 concerned, be kept as trust fund in the custody of the city or
4 municipal treasurer or be deposited in a bank, preferably
5 government-owned, situated in or nearest to its area of jurisdiction.
6 Such funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of
7 this act. Ten percent (10%) of the general fund of the barangay
8 shall be set aside for the sangguniang kabataan. The sangguniang
9 barangay shall appropriate the sangguniang kabataan funds in
10 lump sum which shall be disbursed solely for youth development
11 and empowerment purposes.

12 (b) The sangguniang kabataan shall have fiscal autonomy in its
13 operations, disbursements and encashment of their fund income
14 and expenditures. As such, the sangguniang kabataan funds shall
15 be deposited in the name of the sangguniang kabataan of the
16 concerned barangay in a government-owned bank situated in or
17 nearest to its area of jurisdiction with the sangguniang kabataan
18 chairperson and the sangguniang kabataan treasurer as the official
19 signatories.

20 (c) One percent (1%) of the sangguniang kabataan funds shall be
21 allocated for, and remitted within the first quarter of the
22 succeeding fiscal year, to the Municipal or City Youth Development
23 Council. However, in case of highly urbanized cities and
24 independent component cities, two percent (2%) shall be allocated
25 and remitted on the same manner. If a barangay falls within the

1 territorial jurisdiction of a province, another one percent (1%) shall
2 be allocated to, and remitted in similar manner, to the Provincial
3 Youth Development Council.

4 (d) All sangguniang kabataan funds shall be allocated in an annual
5 budget, and if the funds allow, in a supplemental budget in
6 accordance with the adopted Comprehensive Barangay Investment
7 Program. Both the Comprehensive Youth and Investment Program
8 and the Comprehensive Barangay Program shall give priority to
9 programs, projects and activities that will promote and ensure the
10 meaningful youth participation in nation-building, sustainable
11 youth development and empowerment, equitable access to quality
12 education, environmental protection, climate change adaptation,
13 disaster risk reduction and resiliency, youth employment and
14 livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, gender sensitivity,
15 capability building and sports development.

16 (e) The sangguniang bayan or sangguniang panlungsod shall, within
17 sixty days upon receipt hereof, review the annual budget and
18 supplemental budget of the sangguniang kabataan on their
19 compliance in the immediately preceding provision and other
20 existing laws, rules and regulations. Non-compliance shall render
21 said budgets inoperative either in whole or in part. Failure on the
22 part of the sanggunian to complete the review within the prescribed
23 period shall render the said annual budget deemed approved.

24 (f) all sangguniang kabataan funds derived from any source shall be
25 stated in its financial records which shall be kept by the

1 sangguniang kabataan treasurer, copy furnished to the
2 sangguniang barangay, and the local youth development council,
3 in simplified manner as may be prescribed by the commission on
4 audit. All sangguniang kabataan funds shall be subject to all
5 existing accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

6 **CHAPTER III**

7 8 **THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS**

9 **Section 21.** *Creation.* - To ensure wide and multi-sectoral youth
10 participation in local governance, there shall be in every province, city and
11 municipality a local youth development council which shall be called
12 Provincial Youth Development Council, City Youth Development Council and
13 Municipal Youth Development Council, respectively.

14 **Section 22.** *Composition of the Council.* - (a) the Council shall be
15 composed of not more than two (2) official representatives of the following
16 classifications of duly organized and/or accredited youth and youth-serving
17 organizations who are at least fifteen (15) but not more than twenty-four (24)
18 years of age:

- 19 (a) The sangguniang kabataan;
- 20 (b) Student councils or sangguniang mag-aaral of public and private
21 secondary schools;
- 22 (c) Student councils of public and private tertiary schools;
- 23 (d) Out of school youth organizations;
- 24 (e) Working youth, young entrepreneurs and young professional
25 organizations;

- 1 (f) Youth with specific needs organizations;
- 2 (g) Community-based youth organizations;
- 3 (h) Faith-based youth organizations; and
- 4 (i) Ideology-based youth organizations.

5 (b) Representation in the Council. The representatives to the Council as
6 mentioned in paragraph (a) hereof shall be as follows:

7 (i) The duly elected official representatives of the pambayan,
8 panlungsod and panlalawigang pederasyon of the sangguniang
9 kabataan, respectively;

10 (ii) The president of the duly organized and school-accredited
11 sangguniang mag-aaral or student council of any public or
12 private secondary school within the municipality or city or
13 province respectively;

14 (iii) The president of the duly organized and school-accredited
15 student council of any public or private tertiary school, if there
16 is any, within the municipality or city. In case the president is
17 not a resident of the municipality or province, the highest
18 ranking student council officer who is a resident of the
19 municipality, city or province shall be its representative to the
20 council; and

21 (iv) The duly-elected presidents of the registered and accredited
22 youth and youth-serving organizations in any municipality city
23 or province, as classified in Section 22 (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and
24 (j), who intend to be members and participate in the Council.

1 **Section 23.***Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan.* (a) For the
2 purpose of representation in the Council and to provide an avenue to
3 strengthen the sangguniang kabataan through sharing of best practices and
4 successful experiences, there shall be an organization of the pederasyon ng
5 mga sangguniang kabataan to be known as follows:

6 (i) In municipalities, pambayang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang
7 kabataan which shall be composed of the sangguniang kabataan
8 chairpersons of barangay in the municipality;

9 (ii) In cities, the panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang
10 kabataan which shall be composed of the sangguniang kabataan
11 chairpersons of barangay in the city; and

12 (iii) In provinces, panlalawigang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang
13 kabataan which shall be composed of the convenors of the
14 pambayan at panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang
15 kabataan.

16 (b) The pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan shall, at all levels,
17 elect from among themselves two (2) official representatives to the
18 Council and such other officers as they may deem necessary. The
19 representative who gets the higher number of votes shall
20 automatically become the convenor of the pederasyon, and as such,
21 shall preside over all its meetings. The representatives to the Council
22 shall serve for a term of one (1) year which shall commence on the day
23 of their assumption as representatives to the Council, and may be
24 elected for another term of one (1) year. The concerned Local
25 Government Operations Officer in coordination with the election

1 officer shall facilitate the conduct of the elections which shall be held
2 within fifteen (15) days from the sangguniang kabataan elections in
3 case of the pambayan and panlungsod na pederasyon, and within
4 thirty (30) days in case of the panlalawigang pederasyon.

5 (c) The manner of election, suspension and removal of the officers of the
6 pederasyon at all levels including the representatives to the Council
7 and the term of office of the other officers of the pederasyon shall be
8 governed by the guidelines to be jointly issued by the Department of
9 the Interior and Local Government, Comelec and the Commission
10 within sixty (60) days upon the effectivity of this Act.

11 **Section 24.** *Organization, Accreditation, Registration of Youth and*
12 *Youth-serving organizations and Selection of Council Representatives.* (a)
13 Youth and youth-serving organizations as classified in section 22 hereof
14 shall register and be granted accreditation by the Provincial Youth
15 Development Office (PYDO), as herein after created, in their respective
16 territorial jurisdiction. However, those from the metropolitan manila
17 area, highly urbanized cities, independent cities and independent
18 component cities shall register with their respective City Youth
19 Development Office (CYDO) or Municipal Youth Development Office
20 (MYDO).

21 (b) A youth or youth serving-organization shall have an actual active
22 membership in good standing of at least twenty-five (25) who are at
23 least fifteen (15) but not more than twenty four (24) years old at the
24 time of its registration with the PYDO, CYDO, MYDO, residents of
25 the province, city, or municipality, as the case may be where the

1 organization intends to participate in the council representation and
2 has written constitution and by-laws, clearly stated vision, mission
3 and programs for the youth.

4 (c) To give equal opportunity for the youth, from the time of the
5 enactment of this Act and up to the deadline for registration by the
6 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), non-organized youth
7 groups may formally organize themselves and register in
8 accordance with Section 24 (a).

9 (d) The PYDO, CYDO, MYDO, in coordination with the concerned
10 CYDO or MYDO.

11 (e) The registration and accreditation of these organizations shall be
12 conducted by the PYDO or by the CYDO or MYDO, in case of
13 metropolitan manila area, highly urbanized area, independent
14 cities and independent component cities every three years.
15 However, upon determination of the need, they may conduct a
16 continuing registration procedure taking into consideration the
17 budgetary and manpower requirements and presence of youth and
18 youth-serving organizations.

19 (f) Registered and accredited youth and youth-serving organizations
20 shall renew their registration and accreditation every three years to
21 qualify them to vie for representative seat in the Council.

22 (g) In the event that in any municipality or city, there are more than
23 two (2) accredited student councils in the secondary and tertiary
24 levels, or there are more than two (2) youth or youth-serving
25 organizations in any classification as provided in Section 22 (d), (e),

1 (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j), the Local Government Operations Officer of
2 the concerned municipality or city in coordination with the youth
3 affairs provincial officer shall assemble them in a public venue, on
4 the day set in the calendar of activities promulgated to implement
5 this Act and every year thereafter, and by consensus or secret
6 balloting chose from among themselves the two (2) who will
7 represent their respective classifications at the Municipal or City
8 Youth Development Council.

9 (h) The Provincial Local Government Operations Officer, with the
10 assistance of the youth affairs provincial officer, shall convene all
11 members of the Municipal and City Youth Development Councils
12 within the province and shall, except for the representatives of the
13 panlalawigang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan, choose
14 a maximum of two (2) representatives each respective classification
15 who shall serve as members of the Provincial Youth Development
16 Council.

17 (i) The Commission and the Department of the Interior and Local
18 Government shall jointly issue a clearly defined, accessible and
19 stakeholder-friendly registration and accreditation procedure
20 including an internet-based registration process within thirty (30)
21 days upon the effectivity of this Act.

22 **Section 25. Duties and Functions of the Council.** - The Council shall
23 perform the following duties and functions:

24 (a) Serve as the core of the advocacy on youth participation in nation-
25 building and youth empowerment;

- 1 (b) With the assistance of the respective local government unit,
2 conduct a study and maintain data on the situation of the youth in
3 its locality;
- 4 (c) Formulate the Local Comprehensive Youth Development Plan and
5 the Local Annual Youth Investment Program anchored on the
6 Philippine Youth Development Plan and the local development
7 plans of the local government unit concerned which shall give
8 priority to programs, projects and activities that will promote and
9 ensure the meaningful youth participation in nation-building,
10 sustainable youth development and empowerment, equitable
11 access to quality education, environmental protection, climate
12 change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resiliency, youth
13 employment and livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, gender
14 sensitivity, capability building and sports development.
- 15 (d) Prioritize programs, projects and activities that will be included in
16 the Annual Youth Investment Program which shall be
17 recommended to the local chief executive and the local sanggunian
18 for inclusion in the Annual Investment Program of the local
19 government concerned and funded in the budget of the local
20 government unit concerned;
- 21 (e) Establish enabling mechanisms which shall provide a forum for
22 youth consultations and feedback gathering systems;
- 23 (f) Consolidate and recommend to the local sanggunian through the
24 youth sector representative youth development policies needing
25 local legislations;

- 1 (g) Assist the National Government Agencies and the local government
2 unit in the promotion and implementation of youth development
3 programs and projects;
- 4 (h) Conduct fund raising activities, proceeds of which shall be tax-
5 exempt and receive contributions, donations, grants and aids from
6 government and private institutions for the implementation of
7 priority programs and projects for the youth in its jurisdiction;
- 8 (i) Approve the Council annual budget and authorize the
9 disbursement of the Council funds;
- 10 (j) Review within sixty (60) days upon receipt the Comprehensive
11 Barangay Youth Development Plan and the Annual Youth
12 Investment Program, in the case of the Municipal and City Youth
13 Development Councils, to determine if they are aligned with the
14 Municipal or City Youth Comprehensive Youth Development Plan.
15 Their recommendations shall be forwarded to the concerned
16 sangguniang kabataan for its appropriate action. During the
17 pendency of the review, the sangguniang kabataan concerned may
18 implement programs, projects and activities unless advised
19 otherwise. Failure on the part of the Municipal or City Youth
20 Development Council to complete the review within the prescribed
21 period shall render the said Plans and Investment Programs
22 including the fund allocations deemed approved.
- 23 (k) Monitor the implementation of youth development programs and
24 projects of the sangguniang kabataan in its jurisdiction including
25 the manner of using its funds;

- 1 (l) Provide support to youth and youth-serving organizations in its
2 jurisdiction;
- 3 (m) Endorse youth and youth serving organizations for the
4 accreditation of the local sanggunian for purposes of
5 representation in the local development council and other local
6 special bodies;
- 7 (n) Adopt and implement a policy on full public disclosure of all its
8 transactions and documents involving public interest;
- 9 (o) Prepare and submit annual program accomplishments and
10 financial reports to the local chief executive, the local sanggunian,
11 the concerned DILG field office, the Commission and the Provincial
12 Youth Development Council, in the case of the Municipal and City
13 Youth Development Councils in its jurisdiction; and
- 14 (p) Discharge such other duties and perform such other functions as
15 may be delegated or necessary.

16 **Section 26. Meetings and Quorum.** – (a) The Council shall meet at
17 least once every three (3) months. However, the Council chairperson or at
18 least one-third of the total membership of the Council may call for a special
19 meeting by giving a written notice, which can be sent either through
20 personal delivery, registered mail, fax or email, or any other available means
21 of delivery, to all members of the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting
22 which must be received at least two (2) days in advance.

23 (b) The presence of the majority of all members of the Council shall
24 constitute quorum.

1 (c) The duly elected officers of the Council shall constitute the Council
2 Executive Committee and shall meet at least once a month, or upon the call
3 of the Council chairperson to discuss urgent matters and update on the
4 status of implementation of the youth development programs and projects.

5 **Section 27. Privileges of the members of the Council.** – (a) All members
6 of the Council in good standing shall, during their incumbency:

7 (i) Be exempt from payment of tuition and matriculation fees while
8 enrolled in any public secondary, tertiary school including state
9 colleges and universities and those locally funded public
10 educational institutions within or nearest its area of jurisdiction.
11 The National Government shall reimburse said educational
12 institution the amount of the tuition and matriculation fees.

13 (ii) Be exempt from attending the National Service Training Program –
14 Civic Welfare Training Service (NSTP-CWTS) subjects should the
15 same coincide with their regular or special Council meetings or
16 during the implementation of Council programs, projects and
17 activities. In lieu thereof, concerned Council member shall submit
18 written reports, preferably with photographs, or other
19 documentations of their participation in the implementation of
20 programs, projects and activities as outlined in the Annual Youth
21 Investment Program. Absence of such reports or documentations,
22 or a finding to the contrary upon verification of submitted reports,
23 shall disqualify the concerned Council member from this privilege.
24 The Commission on Higher Education and the Commission shall

1 jointly promulgate the guidelines for the implementation of this
2 provision;

3 (iii) Be provided by the National Government with Philhealth coverage;
4 and

5 (iv) Be entitled to receive actual travelling reimbursements as may be
6 authorized by law, and subject to the availability of funds, during
7 their attendance on the meetings of the Council.

8 (b) The youth sector representative to the local sanggunian who is currently
9 enrolled in any academic institution is excused from attending his or her
10 regular classes while in attendance during the regular or special sanggunian
11 sessions. A certification of attendance shall be issued by the secretary to the
12 sanggunian attested by the presiding officer and shall be submitted to the
13 concerned faculty member and the dean of the educational institution as
14 proof of his or her attendance. Any person who shall falsely certify as to the
15 attendance of the youth sector representative shall be criminally and
16 administratively liable.

17 **Section 28.** *Term of Office of the Council members.* - Except for the
18 representatives of the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan, the term
19 of office of all the members of the Council shall be co-terminus with their
20 term of office as president of their respective organizations, but in no case
21 shall be more than two (2) consecutive years.

22 **Section 29.** *Membership in the Sanggunian and Local Special Bodies.* -
23 (a) Within one (1) month from the conduct of the sangguniang kabataan
24 election, and every year thereafter, in the case of the municipality and city,
25 and within forty-five (45) days in the case of province, the Local Government

1 Operations Officer of the concerned local government unit shall convene all
2 the members of the Council in a public, neutral and secured venue. Once
3 convened, the venue shall be closed to the public. Except for the Council
4 members, the election committee and the representative of the Commission,
5 if there is any, no other person is allowed to be present in the venue. The
6 Local Government Operations Officer shall first give a detailed orientation on
7 the provisions of this Act, then give the members reasonable time to discuss
8 and articulate on the matters relating to this Act and to the youth in general
9 and the opportunity to introduce themselves, their advocacies, vision and
10 how they can contribute in nation building and youth empowerment.

11 (b) The Election Committee, which shall be composed of the Local
12 Government Operations Officer as chairperson and the Election Officer and
13 the secretary to the local sanggunian of the concerned local government unit
14 as members, shall then conduct the election of officers of the Council. The
15 Council members shall elect from among themselves a president, a vice
16 president, a secretary and a treasurer and such other officers as they may
17 deem necessary. The Election Committee shall proclaim the winning officers
18 of the Council by virtue of the number of votes they have garnered.

19 (c) The duly proclaimed chairperson of the Municipal Youth
20 Development Council, the City Youth Development Council and the
21 Provincial Youth Development Council shall serve as ex-officio member of
22 the sangguniang bayan, sangguniang panlungsod and sangguniang
23 panlalawigan, respectively, without need of further appointment or
24 concurrence. He or she shall exercise the same powers, discharge the same
25 duties and functions, and enjoy the same privileges as the regular members.

1 However, he or she cannot employ in his or her public office any relative
2 within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity.

3 (d) He or she shall be the chair person of the committee on youth and
4 sports development in the said sanggunian, and a regular member of the
5 committees on education, environment, employment and livelihood, health
6 and anti-drug abuse, and gender and development.

7 (e) He or she shall serve as ex-officio member of local school board,
8 local council for the protection of children, local development council, local
9 health board, local tourism council and local peace and order council.

10 (f) His or her entitlement to representation and transportation
11 allowances and monthly salary shall be pro-rated for every session of the
12 sanggunian he or she has attended.

13 (g) A youth sector representative to the sanggunian who, during his or
14 her term of office, shall have passed the age of twenty-four (24) years shall
15 be allowed to serve the remaining portion of the term for which he or she is
16 elected.

17 **Section 30. Qualifications of Officers.** – An officer of the Council must
18 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local government unit
19 concerned for at least one (1) year, a member of any youth or youth serving-
20 organization as classified in Section 22 hereof, at least eighteen (18) but not
21 more than twenty-four (24) years of age on the day of the Council election,
22 able to read and write, must not have been convicted by final judgment of
23 any crime involving moral turpitude, and must not be related to any
24 incumbent elected national, local or barangay official within the fourth civil
25 degree of consanguinity or affinity.

1 **Section 31.** *Term of Office of the Council Officers.* - Duly elected
2 officers of the Council shall serve for one (1) year. However, they can be re-
3 elected for another term of one (1) year. No chairperson of the Council shall
4 serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

5 **Section 32.** *Powers, Duties and Functions of the Council Chairperson.* -
6 Other than serving as ex-officio member of the sanggunian, the Chairperson
7 of the Council shall exercise the powers, discharge the duties and perform
8 the functions, as follows:

- 9 (a) Preside over all the meetings of the Council and its officers;
- 10 (b) Initiate the formulation of the Local Comprehensive Youth
11 Development Plan and the Annual Youth Investment Program,
12 ensure its integration in the annual investment program of the
13 local government unit concerned and facilitate the corresponding
14 allocation funds from the annual and/or supplemental budget of
15 the concerned local government unit;
- 16 (c) Implement policies, programs and projects as incorporated in the
17 Annual Youth Investment Program together with the members of
18 the Council and in coordination with the concerned national
19 government agencies, local government offices and private
20 institutions;
- 21 (d) Exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the
22 Council and the official conduct of its members; and
- 23 (e) Exercise other powers, discharge other duties and perform other
24 functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance, or as the
25 Council may delegate.

1 **Section 33. *Duties and Functions of the Council Vice Chairperson.*** - In
2 case of permanent vacancy in the office of the Council chairperson which
3 includes the situation when his or her term of office as president of the
4 youth or youth-serving organization he or she represents is completed ahead
5 of his or her term as Council Chairperson, the vice chairperson shall
6 assume the office for the unexpired portion of the term. As such, he or she
7 shall exercise the powers, discharge the duties and perform the functions of
8 the office of the chairperson without need of further appointment or
9 concurrence. However, in case of temporary vacancy in the office of the
10 chairperson which in no case shall be more than one (1) month, the vice
11 chairperson shall temporarily assume the office and exercise the powers,
12 discharge the duties and perform the functions of the chairperson except
13 representation in the local sanggunian. Provided, that, in case the Council is
14 meted a penalty of suspension either as ex-officio member of the sanggunian
15 or as Council chairperson, the vice chairperson shall assume the office and
16 exercise the powers, discharge the duties and perform the functions of the
17 president including representation in the local sanggunian during the period
18 of suspension.

19 **Section 34. *Duties and Functions of the Council Secretary.*** - The
20 Council secretary shall:

- 21 (a) Prepare and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Council and its
22 officers;
- 23 (b) Keep all the records of the Council;
- 24 (c) Send notices of regular and special meetings of the Council and its
25 officers;

1 (d) Cause the posting in the local government unit's bulletin boards
2 and in at least three (3) other conspicuous public places, and if
3 possible including the use of other traditional and non-traditional
4 media, and make available for any persons with legal purpose all
5 plans, resolutions and official acts of the Council including its
6 annual accomplishment reports; and

7 (e) Discharge such other duties and perform such other functions as
8 the chairperson and the Council may prescribe or direct.

9 **Section 35. Duties and Functions of the Council Treasurer.** - The
10 Council Treasurer shall:

11 (a) Take custody of all Council properties and funds;

12 (b) Receive, and issue the corresponding receipt or acknowledgment,
13 contributions, donations, grants and aids, whether in cash or in
14 kind, from government and private sources intended for the
15 Council;

16 (c) Disburse funds in accordance with the duly approved annual
17 budget of the Council;

18 (d) Certify to the availability of funds whenever necessary;

19 (e) Submit to the Council certified and detailed statements of actual
20 income and expenditures at the end of every quarter;

21 (f) Cause the posting in the local government unit's bulletin boards
22 and in at least three (3) other conspicuous public places the
23 quarterly and end-of-the-year financial reports on the income and
24 expenditures of the Council; and

1 (g) Discharge such other duties and perform such other functions as
2 the chairperson and the Council may prescribe and direct.

3 **Section 36. Council Funds.** – (a) All funds which shall be received by
4 the Council from any source and the proceeds from any fund raising activity
5 shall be considered public funds, and as such, shall be deposited in the
6 name of the Council in a government-owned bank situated in or nearest to
7 its area of jurisdiction with the Council president and treasurer as the
8 official signatories.

9 (b) The Provincial Youth Development Council, in case the
10 municipality or city falls within its jurisdiction, or the Commission in case of
11 a highly urbanized city and a province, shall review, within sixty (60) days
12 from receipt hereof, the Comprehensive Youth Development Plan and the
13 Annual Youth Investment Program of the Council to determine if they are
14 aligned with the Provincial Youth Comprehensive Youth Development Plan
15 and/or the Philippine Youth Development Plan. Their recommendations
16 shall be forwarded to the concerned Council for its appropriate action.
17 During the pendency of the review, the Council concerned may implement
18 programs, projects and activities unless advised otherwise.

19 Failure on the part of the Provincial Youth Development Council or the
20 Commission to complete the review within the prescribed period shall render
21 the said Plans and Investment Programs including the fund allocations
22 deemed approved.

23 **Section 37. Supplemental Guidelines.** - The manner of election,
24 removal and suspension of the officers, succession and filing up of
25 vacancies, and functions of other officers of the Council not herein provided

1 shall be governed by the guidelines to be jointly issued by the Department of
2 the Interior and Local Government and the Commission within sixty (60)
3 days upon the effectivity of this Act. Provided, That, the chairperson of the
4 Council who is suspended or removed from his or her position in accordance
5 with these joint guidelines shall also be deemed suspended or removed in
6 the local sanggunian where he or she sits as an ex-officio member. On the
7 same manner, the chairperson of the Council when suspended or removed
8 as ex-officio member of the local sanggunian on the grounds and manner
9 provided for in Republic Act No. 7160, shall be deemed suspended or
10 removed as Chairperson of the Council.

11 **CHAPTER IV**

12 **THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

13 **Section 38. Creation.** - There shall be in every province, city and
14 municipality a youth development office which shall be headed by a youth
15 development officer with the rank of at least division chief. Such may be put
16 under the office of the local chief executive, the office of the planning and
17 development, the office of the social welfare or in any other office deemed
18 appropriate by the local government unit. If the funds of the local
19 government unit are sufficient, it can be a separate department with
20 divisions and units for policy and planning, administration and finance, and
21 programs and operations. In the event when the local government unit has
22 exceeded the prescribed personal services limitations, the local chief
23 executive may designate existing personnel whom he or she deems fit to
24 serve this purpose until such time that the local government unit can
25 already create this office.

1 **Section 39. Qualifications and Term of Office of the Youth Development**
2 *Officer and other Personnel.* - (a) The youth development officer must be a
3 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local government unit concerned
4 for at least one year prior to his or her appointment, at least twenty one (21)
5 but not more than thirty (30) years of age on the time of his or her
6 appointment, a holder of 2nd level eligibility, and of good moral character. He
7 or she must have acquired experience in youth development affairs or
8 involvement in youth or youth-serving organizations for at least three (3)
9 years. He or she shall be appointed by the local chief executive upon
10 endorsement of any accredited youth or youth-serving organization and
11 shall be co-terminus with the appointing authority, but in no case is within
12 the fourth (4th) civil degree of consanguinity or affinity of the appointing
13 authority.

14 (b)The other personnel of the local youth development office shall be
15 appointed by the local chief executive in whatever status of appointment it
16 may deem appropriate, subject to availability of funds and in accordance
17 with civil service rules and regulations.

18 **Section 40. Functions.** - The local youth development office shall
19 have the following functions:

20 (a) In accordance with Section 24 hereof, register and accredit youth
21 and youth-serving organizations.

22 (b) Serve as secretariat of the Council and as such, shall provide the
23 necessary administrative, operational, staff and technical support
24 to the Council;

1 (c) Assist the Council in the discharge of its duties and performance of
2 its functions;

3 (d) Facilitate the disbursement of funds allocated in the annual or
4 supplemental budget of the local government unit for the
5 implementation of programs and projects of the Council as outlined
6 in the Annual Youth Investment Program and incorporated in the
7 Annual Investment Program of the local government unit;

8 (e) Assist in the conduct of capability building activities for the
9 Council and other youth and youth serving-organizations as well
10 as the sangguniang kabataan; and

11 (f) Perform such other functions as may be prescribed by law or
12 ordinance, or as the Council may require.

13 **Section 41. Funding.** - The local government unit shall incorporate
14 in its annual budget such amount as may be necessary for the operation
15 and effective functioning of the Local Youth Development Office.

16 **CHAPTER V**

17 **CAPABILITY BUILDING AND REORIENTATION TOWARDS NATION**

18 **BUILDING**

19 **AND EMPOWERMENT**

20 **Section 42. Mandatory and Continuing Training Programs.** - (a)
21 For the purpose of emphasizing the role of the youth in nation-building
22 and molding them to become better citizens with the values of patriotism,
23 nationalism and honor as a Filipino, any sangguniang kabataan official,
24 whether elected or appointed, or any member of the Council must undergo
25 the mandatory training programs before he or she can assume office .

1 During their incumbency, they must attend the continuing training
2 programs to be undertaken by the Commission in coordination with the
3 Department of the Interior and Local Government. Deliberate failure to
4 attend the said training programs shall constitute sufficient ground to
5 disqualify said sangguniang kabataan official or Council member or subject
6 them to disciplinary actions.

7 **Section 43. Mandatory Training Programs.** - The Commission and the
8 Department of the Interior and Local Government with the assistance of the
9 Development Academy of the Philippines, the Local Government Academy,
10 the University of the Philippines - National College of Public Administration
11 and Governance, and in consultation with youth stake holders shall jointly
12 design and implement the mandatory and continuing training programs. The
13 mandatory training program must include among others, the following
14 components: (a) 1. The Philippine cultural history, political systems, ethics
15 and ideologies 2. The Filipino as a nation builder 3. The Filipino youth and
16 its role in nation building; and (b) capability building on leadership, program
17 and project development and sustainability, financial management, and
18 accountability and transparency.

19 **Section 44. Training Fund.** - A training fund with an initial amount of
20 fifty million pesos (50,000,000.00) is hereby established and appropriated
21 from any available source to be managed jointly by the Commission and the
22 Department of the Interior and Local Government. Thereafter, such amount
23 needed for this purpose shall be included in the Annual General
24 Appropriations Act.

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CHAPTER VI

LINGGO NG KABATAAN

3 **Section 45.** *Observance of Linggo ng Kabataan.* - (a) Every barangay,
4 municipality, city and province shall conduct an annual activity to be known
5 as the Linggo ng Kabataan on the week where the 12th of August falls to
6 coincide with the International Youth Day. The sangguniang kabataan, in
7 the case of barangay, and the respective Council in cooperation with the
8 pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, in the case of municipality, city
9 and province, shall take the lead in this observance.

10 (b) The observance of the Linggo ng Kabataan shall include the
11 election of the counterparts of all local elective and appointive officials, as
12 well as heads of national offices or agencies stationed or assigned in the
13 territorial jurisdiction of the local government unit, among in-school and
14 community youth residing in the local government concerned from ages
15 thirteen (13) to seventeen (17). During said week, they shall hold office as
16 boy and girl officials and shall perform such duties and conduct such
17 activities as may be provided in the ordinance enacted pursuant to this
18 Chapter.

CHAPTER VII

REGISTRATION, ELECTION AND ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

20 **Section 46.** *Registration.* - (a) For purposes of the next regular
21 sangguniang kabataan election under this Act, the Commission on Elections
22 shall set a special registration of the katipunan ng kabataan which shall in
23 no case be less than one (1) month and shall include Saturdays and
24 Sundays. Subsequent registration of the katipunan ng kabataan shall be
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1 governed by Republic Act No. 8189 including the system of continuing
2 registration.

3 (b) For purposes of the establishment of Council under this Act, the
4 Commission shall fix the period during which youth and youth-serving
5 organizations may register with the Commission. Further, the Commission
6 and the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall devise
7 mechanisms to reach out to all municipalities and cities and encourage
8 existing youth and youth-serving organizations to register, and those youth
9 groups which are not yet organized to formally organize themselves and
10 register with the Commission.

11 **Section 47. *Date of Election.*** - Sangguniang kabataan elections shall
12 be held on the first Saturday of May 2015 and every three (3) years
13 thereafter.

14 **Section 48. *Assumption of Office.*** - (a) The term of office of the
15 sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the May 2015 election and
16 subsequent elections shall commence at noon of June 30 following their
17 election.

18 (b) The term of office of the members of the Council as established
19 under this Act shall commence at noon of 30th of June 2015. The term of
20 office of the youth sector representatives to the local sanggunian as provided
21 for in this Act shall commence at noon of 30th of June 2015. Their duly
22 elected and qualified successors shall assume office at noon of June 30
23 every year thereafter.

24 **CHAPTER VIII**

25 **FINAL PROVISIONS**

1 **Section 49. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to implement the
2 provisions of this Act including the funding requirement for the appointment
3 of the provincial youth coordinator shall be included in the Annual General
4 Appropriations Act.

5 **Section 50. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Department of
6 the Interior and Local Government, National Youth Commission,
7 Commission on Elections, Department of Budget and Management,
8 Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills
9 Development Authority, Department of Education, and the Commission on
10 Audit, in consultation with the local government leagues, and various youth
11 organizations and youth serving organizations shall be tasked to come up,
12 within sixty (60) days upon approval of this Act, with the Implementing
13 Rules and Regulations (IRR) needed for the implementation of this Act.

14 **Section 51. Separability Clause.** - If for any reason or reasons, any
15 part or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid,
16 other parts or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full
17 force and effect.

18 **Section 52. Repealing Clause.** - Sections 329, 423-439 R.A. No. 7160
19 also known as "The Local Government Code of 1991", Section 10 of R.A. No.
20 8044 otherwise known as "Youth In Nation-Building Act", Sections 1 & 2 of
21 R.A. 9340 entitled "An Act Amending Republic Act 9164, resetting the
22 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, and for other purposes,"
23 and all other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, letters of
24 instruction, rules and regulations or portions thereof which are inconsistent,
25 with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1 **Section 53. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
2 days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in any
3 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,