



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8913

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALMONTE, JAVIER, HOFER AND ANDAYA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1115

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE CITY OF OROQUIETA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE OROQUIETA CITY TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "*Oroquieta City TESDA Training*
2 *and Assessment Center Act*".
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4 **SEC. 2. Establishment.** - There is hereby established a Technical Education and Skills
5 Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Assessment Center in a highly accessible area in the
6 City of Oroquieta, Province of Misamis Occidental, under the supervision of the TESDA, to be known
7 as the Oroquieta City TESDA Training and Assessment Center.
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9 **SEC. 3. General Mandate.** - The Oroquieta City TESDA Training and Assessment Center,
10 hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills
11 development programs to students and residents from low-income families and out-of-school youths,
12 including college dropouts and persons with disabilities, in the Oroquieta City and the neighboring
13 communities in the Province of Misamis Occidental, geared towards the acquisition of practical
14 livelihood, employable skills, gainful employment, and entrepreneurship.
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16 The Center shall help train local residents to become productive, self-reliant and globally
17 competitive middle to high-level skilled labor force to hasten the social and economic development of
18 these areas, in particular, and to meet the manpower needs of both local and international labor
19 markets, in general.
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21 The Center shall consider in the design of relevant technical-vocational training programs to
22 be offered thereat a competency assessment of the socioeconomic profile, employment conditions and
23 opportunities, business climate, market and industry potentials, resources available and presence of
24 support structures, including the literacy level and skills readiness, and the over-all development
25 needs of the host area and adjacent communities within the operational radius of the Center
26 established herein. The Center shall also consider the relevant skills trade competencies, craftsmanship
27 training programs, and entrepreneurship activities needed to deliver the effective employment and
28 development interventions required to make these areas as human resource and productivity hubs.

1 intellectual property regulation, business financing and investment opportunities sourcing,
2 import-export accreditation, including online home-based business operation and use of
3 social media business marketing;
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- 5 e. Technical-vocational occupation and trades skills such as carpentry, masonry, plumbing,
6 welding, practical electricity and installation, automotive servicing, electronics servicing,
7 personal computer (PC) servicing, and such other relevant practical skills courses;
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- 9 f. Computer literacy and information technology (IT)-related skills, digital technology, web
10 design, animation, photoshop/online photography, computer design, and advertising;
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- 12 g. Social communication skills development, language proficiency courses in English and
13 other language for business process outsourcing (call center) employment and overseas job
14 placement;
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- 16 h. Seminars in personality development, career counseling and job placement, work ethics
17 and values; and
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- 19 i. Other preferred priority skills and trades training that may be needed by the people of
20 Oroquieta City and relevant as well to the needs of the other areas in the Province of
21 Misamis Occidental to enhance their capacities for practical livelihood, gainful
22 employment, and entrepreneurship skills.
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24 **SEC. 5. Compliance with TESDA Requirements.**- The provisions of this Act notwithstanding,
25 the Center established herein shall become operationally effective only upon the determination and
26 declaration of the TESDA, through the issuance of a formal recommendation and certificate of
27 compliance, that the Center has satisfactorily complied with the minimum requirements for quality
28 standards prescribed by the TESDA governing the following competency assessment: a) standard
29 procedures and guidelines (SPGs) for the establishment and operation of a Center; b) operational
30 sustainability of the Center established herein, in terms of licensed faculty-trainers and personnel,
31 equipment, training and laboratory facilities, instructional materials, and other standard requirements
32 as a Center; c) sustainable funding source and allocation of budget requirement of the Center hereto
33 established; d) assurance that the training programs offered are fully aligned with the minimum
34 standards of competency-based quality technical-vocational skills technology and needs of the host
35 area and adjacent communities served in the context of the ASEAN and Philippine Qualification
36 Framework (PQF) for technical-vocational education; and e) compliance with such other TESDA
37 conditionalities and standards in establishing a Center, as may be necessary and applicable.
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39 **SEC. 6. Administration.** - The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational
40 Administrator, under the supervision of the TESDA, who shall render full-time services and be
41 responsible for the administration and operation of the Center.
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43 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director-General in
44 accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations and the qualification requirements for such office.
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46 The Administrator shall enter into mutual agreements with locally-based private and public
47 counterpart agencies or instrumentalities and persons, subject to approval by the TESDA Director-
48 General, for such assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act.
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50 **SEC. 7. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act, and
51 its continued implementation thereafter, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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53 The concerned LGU, in consultation with the TESDA, shall likewise set aside from any
54 available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the
55 operation of the Oroquieta City TESDA Training and Assessment Center established herein.

1 **SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days after the approval of
2 this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, the DTI, the DOST, the NEDA, the
3 Department of Budget and Management, the DILG, the concerned LGUs, and such other relevant
4 agencies and industry-business partners of the host locality, prepare and issue the necessary rules and
5 regulations for the implementation of this Act.
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7 **SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.*** - If, for any reason, any section of this Act shall be deemed
8 unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof shall not be affected and shall
9 remain in force and in affect.
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11 **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and
12 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed or amended
13 accordingly.
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15 **SEC. 11. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
16 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.