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- BY REPRESENTATIVES CUARESMA, GO (M.) AND UNGAB, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 162
- TECHNICAL AN ACT ESTABLISHING A EDUCATION SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOMBONG, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA. TO BE KNOWN AS THE NUEVA VIZCAYA 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:

- SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the
 "Nueva Vizcaya TESDA Training and Assessment Center Act".
- SEC. 2. Establishment. There is hereby established a 3 4 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Assessment Center in the Municipality of Bayombong, 5 Lone Legislative District of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, to be 6 7 known as the Nueva Vizcava TESDA Training and Assessment 8 Center. It shall be established in a highly accessible location in the 9 Municipality of Bayombong, Province of Nueva Vizcaya, pursuant to 10 the purposes of this Act and to the mutual agreement between the 11 TESDA and the concerned local government units (LGUs).

SEC. 3. General Mandate. - The Nueva Vizcava TESDA 1 2 Training and Assessment Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide technical-vocational education and 3 training (TVET) programs to students and local residents from low-4 5 income families and out-of-school vouths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples, in the Municipality of 6 Bavombong and adjacent localities of the Lone Legislative District 7 of the Province of Nueva Vizcava, to help them become productive. 8 9 self-reliant and globally competitive labor assets.

10 The Center shall offer training programs on relevant skills 11 trade competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities 12 needed to deliver the effective employment interventions that will 13 hasten the development of the host area and adjacent localities in 14 the Province of Nueva Vizcaya into human resource and 15 productivity hubs.

16 The Center shall also serve as a TESDA-accredited Assessment Center for acquired competencies in TVET programs in 17 18 the Municipality of Bayombong and adjacent localities in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya. It shall also provide teachers' training 19 20 and curriculum design assistance to the secondary schools offering the technical-vocational livelihood (TVL) track under the K to 12 21 22 Program in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) 23 and the TESDA.

SEC. 4. Curricular Offerings/Training Programs. - The Center shall offer short-term certificate courses and modular trainings in preferred technical-vocational skills and trades specialization. To this end, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of the Interior and Local Government

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1 (DILG), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), 2 business-industry partners, and other relevant agencies and 3 instrumentalities, both local and international, shall provide the 4 necessary assistance to enable the Center to develop skilled 5 manpower to achieve a robust and inclusive economy in the host 6 area and its adjacent localities.

7 The Center may establish research and technology hubs, 8 technology development farms, satellite or extension training 9 centers, and promote mobile training programs to strengthen 10 linkages among the industry partners, the academe, and the Center 11 geared towards the acquisition of practical livelihood, employable skills, gainful employment, and entrepreneurship in priority areas 12 13 in the Municipality of Bayombong and neighboring localities in the 14 Province of Nueva Vizcava.

15 The Center shall offer the following TVET programs with 16 competencies assessment leading to National Certification Levels 17 I-III:

(a) Skills training in industrial technology and hard trades
such as metal and steelwork, machine fabrication and operation,
heavy equipment operation, automotive mechanic, refrigeration and
air conditioning, electronics, and operation of power tools and
equipment for both medium skills grade and industrial purposes;

(b) Agriculture and aquaculture-related trainings and skills
development in such areas as farming technology, fishing operations
technology, backyard farming and home-based aquaculture and
propagation innovations, mechanized farm, fishing tools and
equipment operation, agribusiness, agri-aqua trade technology and
innovations, and relevant farmers and fisherfolk's trainings for
increased productivity and entrepreneurship;

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1 (c) Livelihood skills development courses for preferred skills 2 employment and small-scale entrepreneurship, including practical 3 skills education in arts and crafts, workmanship and design, 4 high-speed sewing, dressmaking and tailoring, horticulture, 5 livestock raising and breeding, food processing technology, home 6 technology, culinary arts and commercial cooking, cosmetology, and 7 health and wellness training;

8 (d) Basic business literacy training in financial 9 management, marketing, practical accountancy, bookkeeping, office procedures, business processes and application procedures, 10 including registration, licensing, documentation, business patent 11 and intellectual property regulation, business financing and 12 investment opportunities sourcing, import-export accreditation, 13 online home-based business operation and use of social media 14 business marketing: 15

(e) Technical-vocational occupation and trades skills such as
carpentry, masonry, plumbing, welding, practical electricity and
installation, automotive servicing, electronics servicing, personal
computer (PC) servicing, and such other relevant practical skills
courses;

(f) Computer literacy and information technology
 (IT)-related skills, digital technology, web design, animation,
 photoshop/online photography, computer design, and advertising;

(g) Social communication skills and language proficiency
courses in English and other languages for business process
outsourcing employment and overseas job placement;

27 (h) Seminars on personality development, career counseling28 and job placement, and work ethic and values; and

(i) Other preferred skills and trades training that may beneeded by the people of the Municipality of Bayombong and of the

adjacent localities of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya to enhance their
 capacities for practical livelihood, gainful employment, and
 entrepreneurial activities.

4 SEC. 5. Compliance with TESDA Requirements. – The 5 provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the Center shall become 6 operational only upon the determination and certification by the 7 TESDA, through the issuance of a formal recommendation and 8 certificate of compliance, that the Center has satisfactorily complied 9 with the minimum requirements for quality standards prescribed by 10 the TESDA governing the following competency assessment:

(a) Standard procedures and guidelines (SPGs) for theestablishment and operation of a Center;

(b) Operational sustainability of the Center, in terms of
licensed faculty-trainers and personnel, equipment, training and
laboratory facilities, instructional materials, and other standard
requirements of a Center;

17 (c) Sustainable funding source and allocation of the18 budgetary requirement;

(d) Assurance that the training programs offered are fully
aligned with the minimum standards of competency-based quality
technical-vocational skills technology and the needs of the host area
and adjacent communities served in the context of the Association
of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Integration and the Philippine
Qualifications Framework (PQF) for TVET; and

(e) Compliance with such other TESDA conditionalities and
standards, as may be necessary and applicable in establishing a
Center.

28 SEC. 6. Administration. - The Center shall be headed by a
 29 Technical-Vocational Administrator, under the supervision of the

TESDA, who shall render full-time service and be responsible for its
 administration and operation.

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3 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by 4 the TESDA Director General in accordance with the rules and 5 regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the qualification 6 requirements for such office.

7 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into 8 agreements with locally-based private and public counterpart 9 agencies or instrumentalities and persons, subject to the approval of 10 the TESDA Director General, for such assistance as may be 11 necessary to effectively implement this Act.

SEC. 7. Appropriations. - The TESDA Director General shall
include in the Authority's program the operation of the Center, the
funding of which shall be included in the annual General
Appropriations Act.

16 The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall 17 set aside from any available local revenue an amount deemed 18 appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support the operation of 19 the Center herein established.

SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST, DA, Department of Budget and Management, DILG, NEDA, concerned LGUs, and such other relevant agencies and industry-business partners of the host locality, prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

27 SEC. 9. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any section 28 or provision of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, 29 the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and 30 shall remain in force and effect. SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders,
 decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or
 inconsistent with any provision of this Act are repealed or amended
 accordingly.

5 SEC. 11. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) 6 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of 7 general circulation.

Approved,

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