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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP) FOR ALL HIGHER AND TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

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

1           SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the National  
2   Service Training Program Act of 2001.

3           SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared a policy of  
4   the State to make the National Service Training Program (NSTP) an  
5   important component of the national efforts to ensure the country's defense  
6   and security from threats and dangers to peace and order, to protect all  
7   citizens from violent crimes and the ill-effects of the unprescribed use of  
8   prohibited drugs, and to restore respect for law and order. Likewise, it is  
9   vital to re-direct the Filipino youth to the ethics of civic and social

1 responsibility through involvement in school-based community projects  
2 particularly in times of national calamities and emergencies.

3           SEC. 3. *Statement of Objectives.* – This Act envisions to achieve the  
4 following objectives:

5           (a) To provide college students an alternative to military training as  
6 a requirement for graduation in a baccalaureate degree; and

7           (b) To ensure that the country will have enough reservists to meet  
8 the minimum yearly requirement for the Armed Forces of the Philippines’  
9 reserve force development.

10          SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.* –

11          (a) “National Service Training Program (NSTP)” refers to the  
12 program created pursuant to this Act which shall be a substitute for the  
13 Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Program.

14          (b) “Military Training Service (MTS)” refers to programs or  
15 activities necessary to enhance the military preparedness of the citizenry.

16          (c) “Civic Welfare Service (CWS)” refers to programs or activities  
17 contributory to the general welfare and the betterment of life for the  
18 members of the community or the enhancement of its facilities, especially  
19 those devoted to improving health, education, safety, recreation and morals  
20 of the citizenry.

21          (d) “Law Enforcement Service (LES)” refers to programs or  
22 activities for the maintenance of peace and order and those which  
23 encourage observance and compliance with the law.

1           (e) “Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)” refers to institutions that  
2 offer baccalaureate degree courses.

3           (f) “Technical/Vocational Education” refers to any two-year course  
4 on technical/vocational education.

5           SEC. 5. *Coverage.* – The NSTP Act shall cover all able-bodied  
6 citizens, male and female, enrolled in the initial baccalaureate degree  
7 courses or two-year technical/vocational courses.

8           SEC. 6. *Service Components.* – The National Service Training  
9 Program shall have three (3) service components, to wit: Military Training  
10 Service (MTS), Civic Welfare Service (CWS) and Law Enforcement  
11 Service (LES).

12           For purposes of this Act, the Military Training Service shall refer to  
13 the component designed to acquaint the students with basic military tenets,  
14 principles, theories, organization, function and practices. It shall likewise  
15 include subjects on patriotism, discipline, moral virtues, respect for the  
16 rights of civilians and adherence to the Constitution.

17           The Law Enforcement Service shall be designed to enhance the  
18 maintenance of local and national peace and order; promotion of public  
19 safety, prevention and combat of drug abuse; and respect for the rule of  
20 law.

21           The Civic Welfare Service shall refer to the component planned to  
22 encourage the youth to assist in rescue and relief operations during  
23 calamities and disasters, and to contribute to the betterment of the general

1 welfare and the quality of life of Filipinos for the attainment of a just,  
2 compassionate and orderly society.

3 Disaster management shall be incorporated in all course contents of  
4 the three (3) service components.

5 *SEC. 7. Alternative National Service Training Components. –*  
6 Students of all higher and technical/vocational education institutions, both  
7 public and private, shall be required to enroll in any of the following three  
8 (3) components as a requirement for graduation on any baccalaureate  
9 degree or a two-year technical/vocational course, to wit: Military Training  
10 Service (MTS), Civic Welfare Service (CWS), and Law Enforcement  
11 Service (LES).

12 *SEC. 8. NSTP Offering in Higher and Technical/Vocational*  
13 *Education Institutions. –* All higher and technical/vocational education  
14 institutions, public and private, must offer at least one of the programs.  
15 Private and State higher institutions may offer MTS component: *Provided,*  
16 *That* said higher and technical/vocational education institutions shall have  
17 at least three hundred fifty (350) cadet students and: *Provided, further,*  
18 *That* they comply with other basic standard requirements of the Armed  
19 Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

20 The AFP shall continue to assist the schools in implementing their  
21 MTS programs. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) or  
22 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall  
23 closely coordinate with concerned agencies for the development of the

1 course content for MTS and LES. Each higher and technical/vocational  
2 education institution, on the other hand, shall be allowed to develop its own  
3 course content/program for CWS: *Provided*, That such content/program  
4 shall be subject to accreditation by the CHED/TESDA, as the case may be.  
5 The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall  
6 provide the technical assistance to the concerned agencies and/or higher  
7 and technical/vocational education institutions to ensure that disaster  
8 management is incorporated in all course content of the three (3) service  
9 components.

10 The three (3) components of the NSTP shall be conducted generally  
11 in-campus, or in other places whenever appropriate.

12 *SEC. 9. Formulation of Rules and Regulations.* – The Department  
13 of National Defense, the Commission on Higher Education, the Department  
14 of the Interior and Local Government, and the Department of Social  
15 Welfare and Development shall formulate the rules and regulations  
16 necessary to implement this Act.

17 *SEC. 10. Transitory Provisions.* – All incoming college freshmen of  
18 the school year following the date of approval of the NSTP Act shall be  
19 required to undergo the NSTP. College students of the upper curriculum  
20 years who have not completed the Reserve Officers Training Corps  
21 (ROTC) shall be required to take basic MTS under the NSTP as provided  
22 herein. Students who have completed one (1) year of the basic ROTC shall  
23 be qualified for graduation.

1           SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* – Section 35 of Commonwealth Act  
2 No. 1, Executive Order No. 207, Sections 38 and 39 of Republic Act No.  
3 7077, and Sections 2 - 3 of Presidential Decree No. 1706, as well as all  
4 laws decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances inconsistent  
5 with the provisions of this Act are deemed modified, revoked or repealed  
6 accordingly.

7           SEC. 12. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect  
8 immediately upon its approval.

Approved,

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