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HOUSE BILL NO. 2495

Introduced by **REP. ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) was primarily created to provide relevant, accessible, high quality and efficient technical education and skills development in support of the development of high quality Filipino middle-level manpower responsive to and in accordance with Philippine development goals and priorities, as mandated by Republic Act No. 7796 or the TESDA Act of 1994.

In fulfillment of its mandate, the TESDA established training centers in order to cater more to individuals from different localities. At present, there are fifteen (15) regional training centers, sixty-nine (69) provincial training centers, five (5) other training centers, and fifty-nine (59) TESDA-accredited private institutions

This Bill seeks to expand the coverage of TESDA programs by creating two (2) training centers in the Province of Romblon: one for the Municipality of Magdiwang and the other one for the Municipality of Odiongan. There is a need to establish 2 separate centers in the province because of its geographical location and considering its composition of three (3) main big islands and several islets.

To address this lack of training centers in the province and to respond to the increasing number of TESDA scholars, interested students and out-of-school youth, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) ROMBLON PROVINCIAL TRAINING CENTERS IN THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *TESDA ROMBLON Provincial Training Centers (PTCs).* – There shall be established two (2) Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Romblon Provincial Training Centers in the Province of Romblon under the control and supervision of the TESDA MIMAROPA Region.

SEC. 2. *General Mandate.* - The TESDA ROMBLON PTCs shall primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills development programs to students from low-income families and to out-of-school youths in the Province of Romblon. They shall develop the students to become productive, self-reliant, and globally competitive middle-level skilled labor workers, in order to boost the social and economic development of the province, as well as, to meet the demand of local and international labor markets.

The TESDA ROMBLON PTCs shall also serve as provincial competency assessment centers for required competencies in technical-vocational skills in the whole province. In coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), they shall render when necessary and practicable, teacher's capability building programs and curriculum design technical assistance to the secondary schools in the province offering technical-vocational and livelihood track under the K to 12 Program of the DepEd.

SEC. 3. *Curricular Offering.* – The TESDA ROMBLON PTCs shall address the skills development priorities of the Province of Romblon. They shall offer short-term courses in preferred market-driven and relevant technical-vocational courses or qualifications within their areas of specialization in consultation with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Local Government Units

(LGUs), the industries and such other relevant agencies, both local and international.

The TESDA ROMBLON PTCs may likewise establish research and development centers, technology development farms, mobile training programs, satellite offices throughout the province to strengthen linkages between the industry, academe, and the technology programs.

SEC. 4. *Sites.* – The TESDA ROMBLON PTCs shall be established in the Municipality of Magdiwang in Sibuyan Island and in the Municipality of Odiongan in Tablas Island, pursuant to the mutual agreement between TESDA and the Municipal Governments of Cajidiocan and Odiongan.

SEC. 5. *Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern.* – The TESDA ROMBLON PTCs shall adopt the organizational structure and staffing pattern of a TESDA PTC, in accordance with the existing guidelines of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* – An initial amount of Fifty Million Pesos (PhP 50,000,000.00) each for PTC Magdiwang and PTC Odiongan for a total of One Hundred Million Pesos (PhP 100,000,000.00) shall be appropriated. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the funding of the TESDA ROMBLON PTCs shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) as separate line item budget under TESDA.

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

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* Any law, decree, ordinance, administrative circulars not consistent with any provision of this Act is hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,