EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a TESDA Training and Accreditation Center in the Municipality of Laoang, Province of Northern Samar.

The convenience and availability of a TESDA Training and Accreditation Center in Laoang, Northern Samar will provide my constituents especially the out of school youths an opportunity to learn new skills and develop into more self-reliant individuals. The training center shall provide a venue for our people to be geared towards earning a livelihood.

Likewise, the establishment of the training center shall provide individuals with inborn talents to develop their skills into a means to provide for their family thru livelihood.

This shall not only cater the Municipality of Laoang in the Province of Northern Samar but also other municipalities of the Province. With the proper technology and availability of relevant training opportunities, my constituents shall be equipped with technical knowledge to help themselves to be a more productive individual of our province and lead them towards self-sustainability and reliance.

In view of thereof, early consideration and approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAOANG, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAOANG TESDA TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION 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 "Laoang TESDA Training and Accreditation Center Act".

Sec. 2. Establishment. – There is hereby established a Technical Education and Skills Development Center in the Municipality of Laoang, Province of Northern Samar, under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), to be known as the Laoang, Northern Samar TESDA Training and Accreditation Center.

Sec. 3. General Mandate. – The Laoang, Northern Samar TESDA Training and Accreditation Center shall primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills development programs to students from low-income families and out-of-school youth in the Municipality of Laoang and adjacent municipalities in the Province of Northern Samar. It shall also play a pivotal role in helping the students become productive, self-reliant and to develop into middle-level skilled labor force so as to hasten the social and economic development of Northern Samar, as well as meet the needs of both local and international labor markets.

The Laoang, Northern Samar TESDA Training and Accreditation Center shall also serve as the assessment center for acquired competencies in technical-vocational skills in the whole Province of Northern Samar. Further, as deemed necessary and practicable, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepED), it shall render relevant teachers’ training assistance and curriculum design to the secondary schools offering technical-vocational
education under the K to 12 Program of the DepED.

Sec. 4. Curricular Offerings. – The Laoang, Northern Samar TESDA Training and Accreditation Center shall offer short-term courses in preferred market-driven and relevant technical-vocational courses within its areas of specialization in consultation with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and such other relevant agencies, both local and international.

Sec. 5. School Site. – The Laoang, Northern Samar TESDA Training and Accreditation Center shall be established on a site in the Municipality of Laoang, Province of Northern Samar, which is highly accessible pursuant to the purposes of this Act and to the mutual agreement between the TESDA and the concerned local government unit (LGU).

Sec. 6. Administration. – The Laoang, Northern Samar TESDA Training and Accreditation Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational Administrator under the supervision of the TESDA. The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director-General in accordance with civil service rules and regulations and the qualification requirements of the TESDA.

The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall render full-time services and shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the Laoang, Northern Samar TESDA Training and Accreditation Center.

Sec. 7. Appropriations. – The Director-General of the TESDA shall include in the Authority's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA, in coordination with the DOLE, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the concerned LGU, and such other relevant agencies, shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 9. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any section of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and shall thereby 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 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved: