Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7354  

Introduced by the Hon. MA. LUCILLE L. NAVA  

EXPLANATORY NOTE  

This Bill seeks to create the TESDA Skills Training and Assessment Center in the Municipality of Jordan, Province of Guimaras, to be known as the Guimaras TESDA Training and Assessment Center.  

The establishment of an accessible, high quality and efficient TESDA Skills Training and Assessment Center in the Province of Guimaras will expedite and enhance TESDA trainings to all Guimarasnons in the island province. In this day and age, having an extra skill gives a person an edge in his endeavors. This bill, which is aimed to equip the youth and the unemployed or any person with skills training that is geared towards a society that is self-reliant, productive and employable.  

The TESDA training and assessment center shall serve the five (5) municipalities in the Province of Guimaras, with a total of 98 barangays. The necessity of a TESDA Training and Assessment Center located in the heart of Guimaras cannot be underscored enough given that the Province of Guimaras is undergoing rapid development with a constant demand for highly skilled and technical workers.  

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.  

MA. LUCILLE L. NAVA, MD.
Introduced by: HON. MA. LUCILLE L. NAVA, MD.

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUIMARAS 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 “Guimaras TESDA Training and Assessment Center Act”.

SECTION 2. Establishment - There is hereby established a Technical Education and Skills Development Center in the Municipality of Jordan, Province of Guimaras, under the supervision of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to be known as the Guimaras TESDA Training and Assessment Center.

SECTION 3. General Mandate – The Guimaras TESDA Training and Assessment Center shall primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills development programs to students from low income families and out of school youth in all the municipalities in the Province of Guimaras. 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 Guimaras as well as to meet the needs of both local and international markets.
The Guimaras TESDA Training and Assessment Center shall also serve as the assessment center for acquired competencies in technical-vocational skills in the whole Province of Guimaras. Further, as deemed necessary and practicable, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), it shall render relevant teachers’ training and curriculum design to the secondary schools offering technical-vocational education under the K to 12 Program of the DepEd.

SECTION 4. Curricular Offerings. - The Guimaras TESDA Training and Assessment 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.

SECTION 5. School Site - The Guimaras TESDA Training and Assessment Center shall be established on a site 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).

SECTION 6. Administration, - The Guimaras TESDA Training and Assessment Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational Administrator under the supervision of 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 Guimaras TESDA Training and Assessment Center.

SECTION 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.

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

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. – If for any reason, any section of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections and provisions hereof shall not be affected and shall thereby remain in force and effect.

SECTION 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.
SECTION 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,