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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1146

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on _______.
Re: House Bill No. 8961

 Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5113, as amended, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 5097 and 8651.
Sponsors: Representatives Durano and Abu

Madam Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture to which was referred House Bill No. 5113 introduced by Rep. Raneo E. Abu, entitled:

"AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077 MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 5097, introduced by Rep. Raul C. Tupas, entitled:

"AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE RESTORATION OF MANDATORY MILITARY TRAINING FOR ALL GRADE 11 AND GRADE 12 STUDENTS BY REINSTATING SECTIONS 38 AND 39 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT"

and House Bill No. 86514, introduced by Rep. Micaela S. Violago, entitled:

"AN ACT
REVIVING THE RESERVED OFFICER TRAINING CORP (ROTC) IN ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AS A MANDATORY REQUISITE FOR GRADUATION REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 9163 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP) ACT OF 2001 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 8961, entitled:

"AN ACT
MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CITIZEN ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5113, as amended, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 5097 and 8651, with Reps. Abu, Tupas, Violago and Durano as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

RAMON "RED" H. DURANO VI
Chairperson
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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House Bill No. 8961
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Introduced by Representatives Abu, Tupas, Violago and Durano

AN ACT
MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING,
ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS
TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CITIZEN ARMED FORCES OF
THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT", 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 “Reserve Officers
Training Corps (ROTC) Act”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Constitutional Policy. – The prime duty of the Government is
to serve and protect the people. The Government may call upon the people to defend the
State and, in the fulfillment thereof, all citizens may be required, under conditions provided
by law, to render personal military or civil service. In the same manner, the State recognizes
the vital role of the youth in nation-building, and shall promote civic consciousness among
the youth and shall develop their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being.
It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism, nationalism, and encourage involvement in public
and civic affairs.

Towards this end, the State shall enhance the capacity of the nation to produce the
needed manpower and to expand its human resources in times of war, calamities and
disasters, national or local emergencies, and in support to the Government’s law enforcement
strategy against crimes, by creating a pool of trained reservists.

SEC. 3. Coverage. – The conduct of military training under the ROTC shall apply to
all students in Grades 11 and 12 in all senior high schools in public and private educational
institutions.
SEC. 4. Establishment of ROTC Program in all Public and Private Educational Institutions. –

a. There is hereby established a mandatory two (2) year Basic ROTC program for students enrolled in Grades 11 and 12 which shall form part of the basic curricula for the Senior High School Education in any public and private educational institutions in pursuance to the provisions of the National Defense Act and the 1987 Constitution, with the objective of producing well-trained and prepared reservists for military and civic service. The ROTC training is aimed to instill patriotism, love of country, moral and spiritual virtues, respect for human rights and adherence to the Constitution.

b. The ROTC shall include the following program of instruction:

b.1. Enhancing the students consciousness in the ethics of service, patriotism and nationalism, respect for human rights, appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development of the country, strengthen ethical and spiritual values, develop personal discipline and leadership and to encourage creative thinking for scientific and technological development;

b.2. Basic military training for students in order to motivate, train, organize and utilize for national defense preparedness or civil-military operations: Provided, That no student below the age of eighteen (18) years shall take a direct part in hostilities.

b.3. Civic training for students in order to be active participants and volunteers for the development and improvement of health, education, ecology and environmental protection, disaster risk reduction and management, human and civil rights awareness and law enforcement.

c. Any student who fails to undergo the mandatory Basic ROTC in accordance with this Act shall not be qualified for graduation. In addition thereto, the non-taking of Basic ROTC by any student shall be a ground for Compulsory Military Training in pursuance to Section 14 of Republic Act No. 7077. Any educational institution that fails to institute and implement the ROTC program in pursuance to this Act shall be subject to disciplinary and administrative sanctions as the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) may impose.

d. Guided by the provision of Section 4(b) hereof, the DND, the DepEd, and the TESDA, in consultation with other relevant government agencies and private stakeholders as the Secretary of National Defense may determine, shall design and formulate the Program of Instruction (POI) on the Basic ROTC program in Grades 11 and 12, within sixty (60) days from approval of this Act and shall jointly issue Implementing Rules and Regulations for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. Students Exempted from this Act. – The following may be exempted from the coverage of this Act:

a. Those who are physically or psychologically unfit, as certified by Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Surgeon General or his authorized medical officer, in pursuance to the recommendation of the educational institutions where the concerned student is enrolled.
b. Those who have undergone or are undergoing similar military training.

c. Those who were chosen by their school to serve as the school’s varsity players in
sports competitions.

d. Those who may be exempted from training for valid reasons as approved by the
DND, upon recommendation by any educational institution where the concerned student is
enrolled.

SEC. 6. Acceptance for Advance ROTC. – Students who volunteer for Advance
ROTC program in universities, colleges, vocational schools and other tertiary institutions
shall be governed by Section 40 of RA 7077, or the Citizen Armed Forces of the Philippines
Reservist Act. The provisions of Section 42 and 43 of Republic Act No. 7077 in terms of
training, uniforms and supplies, and the scholarship incentive shall remain effective and
applicable for those accepted in the Advance ROTC course. It shall be mandatory for all
public and private universities, college and similar learning institutions to offer and provide a
training school for the Advance ROTC program which shall have a duration in accordance
with the curriculum prescribed by the DND and the Commission on Higher Education
(CHED).

The Secretary of National Defense, in coordination with the CHED, shall prescribe
the curriculum for Advance ROTC and the program of instruction in pursuance to the
applicable provisions of Republic Act No. 7077.

Graduates of Advance ROTC shall be eligible for commissionship or enlistment in the
AFP or shall be given priority for lateral entry in other armed and law enforcement services
of the government.

SEC. 7. Organization, Operation and Maintenance of ROTC Units. – The
organization, operation and maintenance for the establishment of ROTC shall be in
accordance with Sections 41 and 42 of Republic Act No. 7077 which shall remain effective
and operative unless inconsistent with this Act. The Secretary of National Defense, in
consultation with the DepEd and TESDA, shall prescribe the organization and operational
manual of ROTC units in public and private educational institutions for Grades 11 and 12:
Provided, That such educational institutions shall be required to provide an adequate office
for the ROTC administrative staff assigned thereat.

The AFP shall create an office dedicated to the supervision and administration of the
ROTC program within the Reserve Commands of the AFP in coordination with the DepEd
and TESDA.

SEC. 8. Incentives for Undergoing ROTC Program.

a. Subject to other requirements prescribed by rules and regulations, graduates of
Basic ROTC shall be eligible for commissionship/lateral entry and enlistment in the AFP,
Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Bureau of Jail
Management and Penology (BJMP), and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) unless a waiver is
issued by the Department Secretaries of the aforementioned military and civilian armed
forces.
b. Students undergoing Basic ROTC and those accepted in the ROTC Advance Course shall be provided with free hospitalization in any government hospital in case of accident or injury during the training. Mandatory insurance for students undergoing ROTC shall be provided by the school where the students are enrolled.

c. Students undergoing Basic and Advance ROTC shall be given access and privileges with any AFP Commissary and PX Stores nationwide. The Chief of Staff, AFP shall issue the necessary regulations for the implementation of this privilege.

SEC. 9. Funding. – The funding requirement to implement the establishment, maintenance and operations of the ROTC Program shall be included in the budget of the implementing agencies/departments in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. – Pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7077, or the “Citizen Armed Force or Armed Forces of the Philippines Reservist Act”, and all other laws, decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 12. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 8961
(In substitution of House Bill No. 5113, as amended, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 5097 and 8651)

As approved by the Committee on 30 Jan. 2019

RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) BILL

Introduced by: REPS. REPS. ABU, TUPAS AND VIOLAGO

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION & CULTURE (Primary)
Committee Chairperson: REP. RAMON “RED” H. DURANO VI

OBJECTIVES:

- To inculcate the spirit of nationalism, nation-building, and national preparedness among the Filipino youth
- To reinforce the Armed Forces of the Philippines' reserve manpower supply and the capacity of the government to respond to any national security threat or emergency

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Establishes a mandatory Basic ROTC Program for students enrolled in Grades 11 and 12 in public and private educational institutions as requisite for graduation
- Exempts the following students from the coverage of this Act:
  - Those who are physically or psychologically unfit, as certified by the AFP Surgeon General or his authorized medical officer
  - Those who have undergone or are undergoing similar military training
  - Those who were chosen by their school to serve as the school's varsity players in sports competitions
  - Those exempted from training for valid reasons as approved by the DND
- Provides for Advance ROTC Program in tertiary institutions which shall be governed by Section 40 of R.A. 7077
- Mandates the Secretary of National Defense, in consultation with DepEd and TESDA, to prescribe the organization and operational manual of ROTC Units in public and private educational institutions
• Establishes an office in the AFP dedicated to the supervision and administration of the ROTC Program within the Reserve Commands of the AFP, in coordination with DepEd and TESDA

• Provides incentives for undergoing ROTC program:
  ➢ Graduates of Basic ROTC, who have completed a four (4) year baccalaureate degree, shall be considered as First Level Civil Service Eligible, whereas graduates of Advance ROTC, who have finished a four (4) year baccalaureate degree shall be considered a Second Level Civil Service Eligible in the Civil Service
  ➢ Graduates of Basic ROTC are eligible for commissionship/lateral entry and enlistment in the AFP, PNP, Coast Guard, BJMP, and BFP
  ➢ Students undergoing Basic and Advance ROTC are provided with free hospitalization in any government hospital in case of accident or injury during the training
  ➢ Students undergoing Basic and Advance ROTC are given access and privileges to any AFP Commissary and PX stores nationwide

• Appropriates funds for the establishment, maintenance and operation of ROTC in the General Appropriations Act to be included in the budgets of DND, DepEd, CHED, and TESDA

RELATED LAWS:

• The 1987 Philippine Constitution
• Republic Act No. 9163, or the National Service Training Program Act of 2001
• Republic Act No. 7077, or the Armed Forces of the Philippines Reservist Act