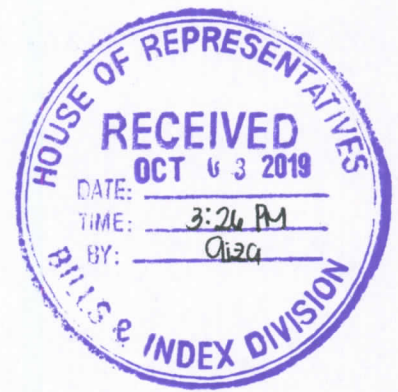


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

According to data collated from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the unemployment rate in the country is at 5.1% in October 2018. That shows an improvement from the 5.4% unemployment rate in July of the same year. Even the underemployment rate improved from 17% in July 2018 to 13.5% by October 2018. However, this improvement doesn't mean that the issue of unemployment in the country has been quelled and the State should keep providing job opportunities for the Filipino citizens.

Our colleges, universities, and technical-vocational schools produce many graduates who are equipped with skills and knowledge that would make them competitive employees and workers, both domestically and internationally, every year. It is the State's job not only to provide them with employment opportunities but also to make sure that our graduates are informed and have access to these opportunities.

A job fair is an event that will allow prospective employers to recruit future employees from the graduating class of a college or university. It may also be done for the graduating senior high class.

This Act seeks to require all colleges and universities, as well as all technical-vocational schools to hold a job fair at least once a year.

  
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AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HOLDING OF JOB FAIRS IN ALL COLLEGES,  
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OVER THE COUNTRY

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "Job Fair Act"

Sec. 2. All colleges and universities, as well as all technical-vocational schools are mandated to hold a job fair at least once a year. In the said job fair, the concerned college or university will invite all prospective employers from the locality where the school is located and elsewhere to scout for possible future employees from their graduating students for the year.

Sec. 3. In the same manner, all schools offering senior high schools as well are likewise mandated to hold such job fair at least once a year for the graduating senior class.

Sec. 4. For this purpose, the existing Guidance and Counselling Offices of schools and/or Guidance Counselors, if any, of all schools shall be given the duty of organizing and coordinating such job fairs. If there is no such office in the school, the school head shall appoint one of the members of the teaching staff to do so.

Sec. 5. The Department of Education (DepEd) shall be tasked with formulating and issuing the implementing rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 6. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Sec. 7. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Sec. 8. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,