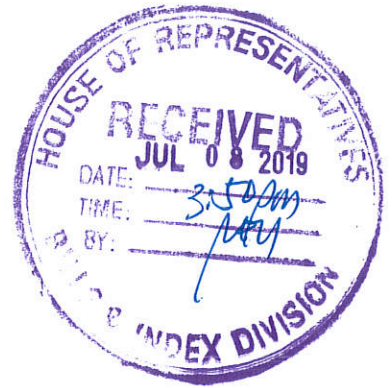


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is hereby imperative that the State shall 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.

This House Bill seeks to encourage active participation of various concerned sectors, particularly private enterprises, being direct participants in and immediate beneficiaries of a trained and skilled work force, in providing technical education and skills development opportunities.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL,
OPERATIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDING FOR THE
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (TESDA), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the Philippines
in congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – it is hereby declared
the policy of the state to:

- a. Promote and strengthen the quality of technical education and skills development programs to attain international competitiveness.
- b. Focus technical education and skills development on meeting the changing demands for quality middle-level manpower;
- c. Encourage critical and creative thinking by disseminating the scientific and technical knowledge base of middle-level manpower development programs;
- d. Recognize and encourage the complementary roles of public and private institutions in technical education and skills development and training systems; and

- e. Instill desirable values through the development of moral character with emphasis on work ethic, self-discipline, self-reliance and nationalism.

SECTION 2. TESDA DEVELOPMENT FUND - A TESDA Development Fund is hereby established, to be managed/administered by the Authority, the income from which shall be utilized exclusively in awarding of grants and providing assistance to training institutions, industries, local government units for upgrading their capabilities and to develop and implement training and training-related activities. The contribution to the fund shall be the following:

- a. one-time lump sum appropriation from the National Government;
- b. annual contribution from the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration Fund, the amount of which should be part of the study on financing in conjunction with letter (D) of Section 34 of RA7796;
- c. donations, grants, endowments, and other bequests or gifts, and
- d. any other income generated by the Authority.

SECTION 3. TESDA BUDGET - The amount necessary to finance the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the existing appropriations of the National Manpower and Youth Council (NMYC) and the Bureau of Technical and Vocational Education (BTVE).

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - The amount of Five hundred million pesos (**P500,000,000.00**), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is there hereby appropriated as additional development funding, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

The State shall hereby provide a separate authorize operational and organizational funding of One hundred million pesos (**₱100,000,000.00**) to implement and to maintain the continuity of its mandate.

The amount necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of implementing agencies in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the year following its enactment into law and every year thereafter.

The state shall hereby authorize the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority to re-align its appropriations, in the current year of the date of the effectivity of this Act to conform with its mandate and requirements.

SECTION 5. PERIODIC REPORTS - The TESDA shall submit periodic reports on its findings and make recommendations on actions to be taken by Congress and Senate and the appropriate department, and in order to carry out the objectives and mandates of this Act.

SECTION 6. AUTOMATIC REVIEW - Every three **(3) years** after the effectivity of this Act, an independent review panel composed of experts to be appointed by the President shall review the policies and programs in the TESDA and shall make recommendations, based on its findings, to the President and to both Houses of Congress.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE - All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If, for any reason or reasons, any portion or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,