

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**House Bill No. 6018**



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Introduced by CIBAC Party-List Representatives  
Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva and Domingo C. Rivera

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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM AND  
PROVIDING JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO INMATES IN DETENTION  
FACILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

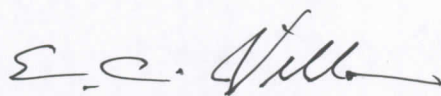
According to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), there are approximately 70,000 inmates in 989 jails nationwide who are mostly 18 to 39 years old. To rehabilitate these inmates, the Bureau of Corrections has incorporated vocational programs into the job assignments of inmates in most correctional facilities.

This bill seeks to institutionalize this practice by mandating the establishment of a skills training program for inmates in all correctional facilities in the Philippines. The implementation of the Program shall be spearheaded by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and Department of Justice (DOJ). In addition, skills advancement or training inside prison will be matched with job search assistance to help ex-inmates find work once outside of prison.

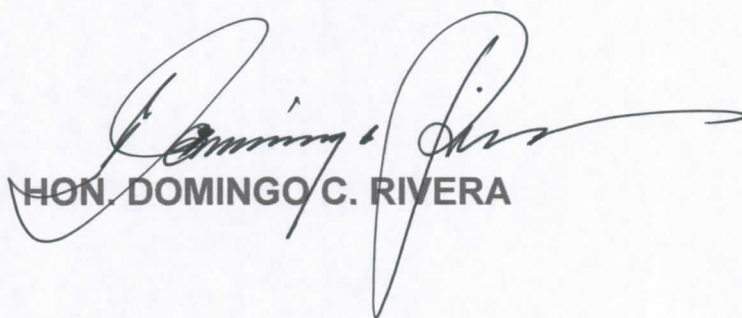
Indeed, transition services, especially technical vocational education and training (TVET), can improve the self-esteem of inmates. With employable skills, they can find new life when they leave detention, never to get back in jail. Tech-voc training will also bring new hope to the offenders because they know they have the skills that

can be their passport to employment opportunities once they leave confinement. Aside from these, tech-voc training will also aid in breaking the cycle of recidivism of certain prisoners.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**HON. EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Domingo C. Rivera', with a large, elaborate, and highly stylized script.

**HON. DOMINGO C. RIVERA**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as “*Kabuhayan for Offenders*  
2 *through Skills Advancement (KOSA) Act.*”  
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4 **SECTION 2. Establishment of Skills Training Program for Inmates.** – The  
5 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of  
6 Education (DepEd), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and Department  
7 of Justice (DOJ) shall establish skills training program for all inmates in the Philippines.  
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9 In addition, a Job Search and Livelihood Assistance Desk shall be established inside  
10 prisons to help ex-offenders create sustainable employment once they are released  
11 from prison.  
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13 **SECTION 3. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation of this  
14 Act shall be sourced from the current budgets of TESDA, DepEd, DOLE and DOJ.  
15 Thereafter, the funds necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be  
16 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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18 **SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days after  
19 the effectivity of this Act, the TESDA, DepEd, DOLE and DOJ, in consultation with



1 relevant stakeholders, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective  
2 implementation of this Act.

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4 **SECTION 5. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
5 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.  
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8 **Approved,**