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BY REPRESENTATIVES CHATTO, GO (M.), AND YAP (E.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 324

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
LOON 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 “*Loon TESDA Training and  
Assessment Center Act*”.

**SEC. 2. *Establishment.*** - There is hereby established a Technical Education and Skills  
Development Authority (TESDA) training and assessment center in the Municipality of Loon,  
Province of Bohol, under the supervision of the TESDA, to be known as the Loon TESDA  
Training and Assessment Center. It shall be established in a highly accessible location in the  
Municipality of Loon, pursuant to the purposes of this Act, and to the agreement between the  
TESDA and the concerned local government units (LGUs).

**SEC. 3. *General Mandate.*** - The Loon TESDA Training and Assessment Center,  
hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide technical-vocational education and  
training (TVET) programs to students and local residents from low-income families and out-  
of-school youths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples, in the  
Municipality of Loon and the neighboring localities in the Province of Bohol, to help them  
become productive, self-reliant and globally competitive labor assets.

The Center shall provide effective employment interventions through training programs  
on relevant skills trade competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship activities that will  
help hasten the development of the host area and the adjacent localities in the Province of Bohol  
into human resource and productivity hubs.

1 The Center shall serve as TESDA-accredited Assessment Center for acquired  
2 competencies in TVET programs in the Municipality of Loon and adjacent localities in the  
3 Province of Bohol. It shall also provide teachers' training and curriculum design assistance to  
4 the secondary schools offering the technical-vocational livelihood track under the K to 12  
5 Program, in coordination with the Department of Education and the TESDA.

6 **SEC. 4. Training Programs** – The Center shall offer short-term certificate courses and  
7 modular trainings in preferred technical-vocational skills and trades specialization. To this end,  
8 the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI),  
9 Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA),  
10 Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Economic and Development  
11 Authority (NEDA), business-industry partners, and other relevant agencies and  
12 instrumentalities, both local and international, shall provide the necessary assistance to enable  
13 the Center to develop skilled manpower to achieve a robust and inclusive economy in the host  
14 area and its adjacent localities.

15 The Center may establish research and technology hubs, technology development  
16 farms, satellite or extension training centers, and promote mobile training programs to  
17 strengthen linkages among the industry partners, the academe, and the Center geared towards  
18 the acquisition of practical livelihood, employable skills, gainful employment, and  
19 entrepreneurship in priority areas in the Municipality of Loon and neighboring localities in the  
20 Province of Bohol.

21 The Center shall offer the following TVET programs with competencies assessment  
22 leading to National Certification Levels I-III:

- 23 (a) Skills training in industrial technology and hard trades such as metal and steelwork,  
24 machine fabrication and operation, heavy equipment operation, automotive  
25 mechanic, refrigeration and air conditioning, electronics, and operation of power  
26 tools and equipment for both medium skills grade and industrial purposes;
- 27 (b) Agriculture and aquaculture-related trainings and skills development in such areas  
28 as farming technology, fishing operations technology, backyard farming and home-  
29 based aquaculture and propagation innovations, mechanized farm, fishing tools and  
30 equipment operation, agribusiness, agri-aqua trade technology and innovations, and  
31 relevant farmers and fisherfolk's trainings for increased productivity and  
32 entrepreneurship;
- 33 (c) Livelihood skills development courses for preferred skills employment and small-  
34 scale entrepreneurship, including practical skills education in arts and crafts,  
35 workmanship and design, high-speed sewing, dressmaking and tailoring,  
36 horticulture, livestock raising and breeding, food processing technology, home



1 technology, culinary arts and commercial cooking, cosmetology, and health and  
2 wellness training;

3 (d) Basic business literacy training in financial management and marketing, practical  
4 accountancy, bookkeeping and office procedures, business processes and  
5 application procedures including registration, licensing, documentation, business  
6 patent and intellectual property regulation, business financing and investment  
7 opportunities sourcing, import-export accreditation, online home-based business  
8 operation and use of social media business marketing;

9 (e) Technical-vocational occupation and trades skills such as carpentry, masonry,  
10 plumbing, welding, practical electricity and installation, automotive servicing,  
11 electronics servicing, personal computer servicing, and such other relevant  
12 practical skills courses;

13 (f) Computer literacy and information technology-related skills, digital technology,  
14 web design, animation, photoshop/online photography, computer design and  
15 advertising;

16 (g) Social communication skills and language proficiency courses in English and other  
17 languages for business process outsourcing employment and overseas job  
18 placement;

19 (h) Seminars in personality development, career counseling, job placement, and work  
20 ethic and values; and

21 (i) Other preferred skills and trades training that may be needed by the people of the  
22 Municipality of Loon and of the other localities of the Province of Bohol to enhance  
23 their capacities for practical livelihood, gainful employment, and entrepreneurial  
24 activities.

25 **SEC. 5. Compliance with TESDA Requirements.-** The provisions of this Act  
26 notwithstanding, the Center shall become operational only upon the determination and  
27 certification by the TESDA, through the issuance of a formal recommendation and certificate  
28 of compliance, that the Center has satisfactorily complied with the minimum standards of  
29 quality prescribed by TESDA governing the following: (a) standard procedures guidelines  
30 for the establishment and operation of a Center; (b) operational sustainability of the Center in  
31 terms of licensed faculty-trainers and personnel, equipment, training and laboratory facilities,  
32 instructional materials, and other standard requirements of a Center; (c) sustainable funding  
33 source and allocation of the budgetary requirement; (d) full alignment of the training programs  
34 offered with the minimum standards of competency-based quality technical-vocational skills  
35 technology and the needs of the host area and adjacent communities served in the context of  
36 the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) integration and the Philippine

1 Qualification Framework for TVET; and e) compliance with such other TESDA  
2 conditionalities and standards, as may be necessary and applicable, in establishing a Center.

3 **SEC. 6. Administration.** – The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational  
4 Administrator who shall be under the supervision of the TESDA, shall render full-time service,  
5 and be responsible for the administration and operation.

6 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director  
7 General in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the  
8 qualification requirements for such office.

9 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into agreements with locally-based  
10 private and public counterpart agencies or instrumentalities and persons for such assistance as  
11 may be necessary to effectively implement this Act, subject to the approval of the TESDA  
12 Director General.

13 **SEC. 7. Appropriations.** – The Director General of the TESDA shall include in the  
14 Authority's program the operation of the Center, the funding of which shall be included in the  
15 annual General Appropriations Act.

16 The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall set aside from any  
17 available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support  
18 the operation of the Center herein established.

19 **SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days after the  
20 approval of this Act, the TESDA shall, in coordination with the DOLE, DTI, DOST, DA,  
21 Department of Budget and Management, DILG, NEDA, the concerned LGUs, and such other  
22 relevant agencies and industry-business partners of the host locality, prepare and issue the  
23 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

24 **SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act  
25 shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof shall not  
26 be affected and shall remain in force and in effect.

27 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules  
28 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are repealed or  
29 amended accordingly.

30 **SEC. 11. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
31 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

32 *Approved,*