Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2195



Introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Youth who have been adjudicated juvenile delinquents or juvenile offenders find it difficult to secure jobs on account of the stigma they carry. Our moral society seems to attach a certain letter-label to them that pejoratively characterizes them. But they do not have to work under such critical and nit-picking circumstance. If the government undertakes to round them up and exclusively provide them with job and vocational skills training, then they would be empowered and have the opportunity to improve their lots and blend well with the mainstream society.

Hence, it behooves the national government to establish a pilot program to provide job and vocational skills training to youth who have been adjudicated juvenile delinquents or juvenile offenders.

The immediate passage of this measure is most earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE JOB AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING TO YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED JUVENILE DELINQUENTS OR JUVENILE OFFENDERS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

- SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Job Opportunity for Juvenile Delinquents Act."
- SEC. 2. There shall be established a pilot program to provide job and vocational skills training to youth who have been adjudicated juvenile delinquents or juvenile offenders in the Philippines.
- SEC. 3. The establishment of such pilot program shall be determined and undertaken by the Department of Labor and Employment in cooperation with the Department of Social Welfare and Development.
- SEC. 4. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the 2015 appropriations of the DOLE. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued maintenance of the libraries shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.