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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A considerable percentage of the population of North Cotabato comprises various indigenous peoples. Specifically, the towns of Arakan, Magpet, upper President Roxas, Tuluna, Matalam, Antipas, Makilala, and the City of Kidapawan, all in the Second District of North Cotabato, are homes to various tribes and cultural minorities such as the Manobos and the fellow Bagobos of the undersigned.

Regretfully, many of these minorities are unable to gain access to sufficient training and education and are therefore unable to competitively seek means of employment and/or other forms of livelihood.

The legal mandate of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples of the Philippines (NCIP) is the protection and promotion of the interest and well-being of the Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) and Indigenous Peoples (IPs) with due regard to their beliefs, customs, and institutions.

On the other hand, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) is the government agency tasked to manage and supervise technical education and skills development in the country.

This bill seeks to pull together the resources and respective expertise of NCIP and the TESDA as well as the concerned local government units in the province of North Cotabato and ultimately come up with an avenue for education for the indigenous peoples of the province, specifically a training center where they can hone their technical knowledge and skills which shall be their implements and tools for obtaining livelihood and ultimately an improved life.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS
TRAINING CENTER IN THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, NORTH COTABATO AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, through the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority [TESDA] jointly with the National Commission on Indigenous People's Commission [NCIP], an indigenous training and learning center in the City of Kidapawan, North Cotabato.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriation for TESDA and NCIP under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its maintenance shall be provided for by the National government.

SECTION 3. This Act Shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,