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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) REGIONAL TRAINING
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THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) was primarily created to 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.¹

In fulfillment of its mandate, the TESDA established training centers in order to cater more to individuals from different localities. At present, there are 15 regional training centers, 42 provincial training centers, 5 other training centers, and 59 TESDA-accredited private institutions.²

This Bill seeks to expand the coverage of TESDA programs by creating an additional training center particularly in Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro. Sta. Cruz is a first class municipality in Occidental Mindoro, with a population of 37,484 according to the 2015 census.

While there are already three TESDA training centers in the MIMAROPA Region – one each in Rizal, Occidental Mindoro; in Bansud, Oriental Mindoro; and in Puerto Princesa, Palawan; the last two being administered by private institutions – none of these are regional training centers.

To address this lack in training centers in the MIMAROPA Region, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


PANFILO M. LACSON
Senator


¹ Republic Act No. 7796, or the Technical Educational and Skills Development Act of 1994.

² TESDA Directory retrieved from <http://www.tesda.gov.ph/Directory/TTI> on 6 March 2017.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** *TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center.* – There
2 shall be established a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
3 (TESDA) Regional Training Center in the MIMAROPA Region under the control
4 and supervision of the TESDA.

5 **SECTION 2.** *General Mandate.* – The TESDA MIMAROPA Regional
6 Training Center shall primarily provide technical-vocational training and skills
7 development programs to students from low-income families and to out-of-school
8 youths in the MIMAROPA Region. It shall develop the students to become
9 productive, self-reliant, and globally-competitive middle-level skilled labor
10 workers, in order to boost the social and economic development of MIMAROPA,
11 as well as to meet the demand of local and international labor markets.

12 The TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center shall also serve as
13 regional competency assessment center for required competencies in technical-
14 vocational skills in the whole MIMAROPA Region. In coordination with the
15 Department of Education (DepEd), it shall render when necessary and practicable,
16 teachers' capability building programs and curriculum design technical assistance
17 to the secondary schools in the MIMAROPA Region offering technical-vocational
18 and livelihood track under the K to 12 Program of the DepEd.

1 **SECTION 3. *Curricular Offerings.*** – The TESDA MIMAROPA Regional
2 Training Center shall address the skills development priorities of the MIMAROPA
3 Region. It shall offer short-term courses in preferred market-driven and relevant
4 technical-vocational courses or qualifications within its areas of specialization in
5 consultation with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Local
6 Government Units (LGUs), the industries and such other relevant agencies, both
7 local and international.

8 The TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center may likewise
9 establish research and development centers, technology development farms,
10 mobile training programs, satellite offices throughout the MIMAROPA Region to
11 strengthen linkages between the industry, academe, and the technology programs.

12 **SECTION 4. *Site.*** The TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center
13 shall be established in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro,
14 pursuant to the mutual agreement between TESDA and the Municipal Government
15 of Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro.

16 **SECTION 5. *Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern.*** – The
17 TESDA MIMAROPA Regional Training Center shall adopt the organizational
18 structure and staffing pattern of a TESDA Regional Training Center in accordance
19 with the existing guidelines of the Department of Budget and Management
20 (DBM), and the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

21 **SECTION 6. *Appropriations.*** – An initial amount of One Hundred Million
22 Pesos (P1,000,000.00) shall be appropriated for the implementation of this Act.
23 Thereafter, the amount necessary for the funding of the TESDA MIMAROPA
24 Regional Training Center shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations
25 Act as a separate line item budget under TESDA.

26 **SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.*** If any provision of this Act shall be
27 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining part or provisions not otherwise
28 affected shall remain in force.

1 **SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.*** Any law, decree, ordinance,
2 administrative circulars not consistent with any provision of this Act is hereby
3 amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

4 **SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
5 after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2)
6 newspapers of general circulation.

7 *Approved,*