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BY REPRESENTATIVES CALDERON, GO (M.) AND YAP (E.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 328

AN ACT

2 ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT 3 AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE 4 MUNICIPALITY OF BADIAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 5 BADIAN, CEBU TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND 6 APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR 7

8 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in 9 Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Badian, Cebu TESDA
 Training and Assessment Center Act".

12 SEC. 2. Establishment. - There is hereby established a Technical Education and 13 Skills Development Authority (TESDA) training and assessment center in the Municipality 14 of Badian, Province of Cebu, under the supervision of the TESDA, to be known as the 15 Badian, Cebu TESDA Training and Assessment Center. It shall be established in a highly 16 accessible location in the Municipality of Badian, pursuant to the purposes of this Act, and to 17 the agreement between the TESDA and the concerned local government units (LGUs).

18 SEC. 3. General Mandate. – The Badian, Cebu TESDA Training and Assessment 19 Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide technical-vocational 20 education and training (TVET) programs to students and local residents from low-income 21 families and out-of-school youths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples, 22 in the Municipality of Badian and the neighboring localities in the Province of Cebu, to help 23 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 Cebu into human resource and productivity hubs.

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1 The Center shall serve as TESDA-accredited Assessment Center for acquired 2 competencies in TVET programs in the Municipality of Badian and adjacent localities in the 3 Province of Cebu. 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.

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

The Center may establish research and technology hubs, technology development 15 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 Badian and neighboring localities in 20 the Province of Cebu.

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

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horticulture, livestock raising and breeding, food processing technology, home technology, culinary arts and commercial cooking, cosmetology, and health and wellness training;

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

- (e) Technical-vocational occupation and trades skills such as carpentry, masonry, plumbing, welding, practical electricity and installation, automotive servicing, electronics servicing, personal computer servicing, and such other relevant practical skills courses;
- (f) Computer literacy and information technology-related skills, digital technology, web design, animation, photoshop/online photography, computer design and advertising;
- (g) Social communication skills and language proficiency courses in English and
 other languages for business process outsourcing employment and overseas job
 placement;
 - (h) Seminars in personality development, career counseling and job placement, and work ethic and values; and
 - (i) Other preferred skills and trades training that may be needed by the people of the Municipality of Badian and of the other localities of the Province of Cebu to enhance their capacities for practical livelihood, gainful employment, and entrepreneurial activities.

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

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communities served within the context of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
 integration and the Philippine Qualification Framework for TVET; and e) compliance with
 such other TESDA conditionalities and standards, as may be necessary and applicable in
 establishing a center.

5 SEC. 6. Administration. – The Center shall be headed by a Technical-Vocational 6 Administrator who shall be under the supervision of the TESDA, shall render full-time 7 service, and be responsible for the administration and operation.

8 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall be appointed by the TESDA Director 9 General in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the 10 qualification requirements for such office.

11 The Technical-Vocational Administrator shall enter into agreements with locally-12 based private and public counterpart agencies or instrumentalities and persons for such 13 assistance as may be necessary to effectively implement this Act, subject to the approval of 14 the TESDA Director General.

15 SEC. 7. Appropriations. - The Director General of the TESDA shall include in the 16 Authority's program the operation of the Center, the funding of which shall be included in the 17 annual General Appropriations Act.

18 The LGUs concerned, in consultation with the TESDA, shall set aside from any 19 available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate as annual counterpart fund to support 20 the operation of the Center herein established.

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

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

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

32 SEC. 11. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
 33 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

34 Approved,