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BY REPRESENTATIVES FARIÑAS (R.C.), FARIÑAS I (R.C.), GO (M.), YAP (E.) AND ALONTE, PER  
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AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF PIDDIG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE RANG-AY  
ITI AMIN TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1           **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Rang-ay Iti Amin*  
2 *Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Assessment*  
3 *Center Act*”.

4           **SEC. 2. Establishment.** – There is hereby established a training and assessment  
5 center, under the supervision of the TESDA, to be known as the Rang-ay Iti Amin TESDA  
6 Training and Assessment Center. It shall be located in a highly accessible area in the  
7 Municipality of Piddig, Ilocos Norte, pursuant to the purposes of this Act and to the  
8 agreement between the TESDA and the concerned local government units (LGUs).

9           **SEC. 3. General Mandate.** – The Rang-ay Iti Amin TESDA Training and  
10 Assessment Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, shall primarily provide technical-  
11 vocational education and training (TVET) programs to students and local residents from low-  
12 income families and out-of-school youths, including persons with disabilities and indigenous  
13 peoples, in the Municipality of Piddig and the neighboring localities in the Province of Ilocos  
14 Norte to help them become productive, self-reliant and globally competitive labor assets.

15           The Center shall provide effective employment interventions through training  
16 programs on relevant skills in trade competencies, craftsmanship, and entrepreneurship  
17 activities to help hasten the development of the host area and the adjacent localities in the  
18 Province of Ilocos Norte into human resource and productivity hubs.

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

6 **SEC. 4. Training Programs** – The Center shall offer short-term certificate courses  
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  
10 (DA), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Economic and  
11 Development 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 necessary for the achievement of a robust and  
14 inclusive economy.

15 The Center may establish research and technology hubs, technology development  
16 farms, satellite or extension training centers, promote mobile training programs, and  
17 strengthen linkages among the industry partners, the academe, and the Center geared towards  
18 the acquisition by residents of practical livelihood, employable skills, gainful employment,  
19 and entrepreneurial capabilities.

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

- 22 (a) Skills training in industrial technology and hard trades such as metal and  
23 steelwork, machine fabrication and operation, heavy equipment operation,  
24 automotive mechanic, refrigeration and air conditioning, electronics, and  
25 operation of power tools and equipment for both medium skills grade and  
26 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  
29 home-based aquaculture and propagation innovations, mechanized farm, fishing  
30 tools and equipment operation, agribusiness, agri-aqua trade technology and  
31 innovations, and relevant training seminars for farmers and fisherfolk to  
32 encourage entrepreneurship and thus increase their productivity;
- 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 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, web development,  
14 digital animation, game development, and computer-aided design application;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Approved,*