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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11919]

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF SUMMER YOUTH CAMP IN EVERY BARANGAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Summer Youth Camp Act".

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. — Article II, Section 13 of the Constitution provides that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

Pursuant to the aforementioned mandate, it is incumbent upon the State to inculcate in the youth the values of patriotism

and service to others through programs that are designed to develop in them leadership skills, a sense of responsibility and stewardship of the environment, a dutiful awareness of their role in the building of safe communities, a love for sports and an appreciation of the importance of pursuing a healthy lifestyle.

- SEC. 3. Summer Youth Camp. A summer youth camp shall be conducted in every barangay in venues chosen by the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) of the respective local government unit to inculcate a sense of social responsibility, ingrain patriotism in the consciousness of the youth, develop youth leadership and mental health wellness, engage in livelihood and entrepreneurship activities, and promote active participation in sports and cultural awareness.
- SEC. 4. The Role of the Sangguniang Kabataan. The SK shall spearhead the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the summer youth camps in their respective jurisdictions. The SK shall perform the following:
 - (a) Choose the venue for the summer youth camp;
- (b) Coordinate with concerned institutions such as the National Youth Commission (NYC), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA), Department of Tourism (DOT), and other concerned youth organizations and youth-serving organizations;
- (c) Engage qualified trainers, in consultation with the representatives from local educational institutions, who shall teach the youth the topics included in the courses provided for in Section 5 of this Act;
- (d) Provide a comprehensive report not later than thirty (30) days after the conduct of the summer youth camp, detailing its preparation, conduct, and outcomes and/or accomplishments to be submitted and reviewed by the Local Youth Development Office; and

- (e) Evaluate the program, identify areas for improvement through engagement with participants, and submit proposals to the NYC.
- SEC. 5. Courses. The NYC, SK, representatives from the local educational institutions, the Local Youth Development Office, in close consultation with the Katipunan ng Kabataan, shall develop modules on the following courses:
- (a) National situationer on issues and current events impacting the youth;
- (b) Leadership seminar on communication and teambuilding, conflict management, safe and inclusive environments, decision-making, healthy leadership, and parliamentary procedures;
- (c) Workshop on creative writing, conference and seminars on research, editing, illustration, and publication;
- (d) Public speaking on interpersonal communication, motivational speeches, persuasive speaking, technical presentations, public relations, debate, and group discussions:
- (e) Sports and fitness that shall include strengthening and conditioning, physical education, competitive sports, indigenous games, sports coaching, and psychology;
- (f) Mental wellness related to mental issues, youth pregnancy, adolescent sex, reproductive health, and other challenges facing the youth;
- (g) Digital skills development, including training for the use of virtual applications and responsible use of social media;
- (h) Industries of the future, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robotics, Blockchain, Metaverse, Electronic Commerce (E-Commerce), and their practical application in agriculture, education, social life, climate change mitigation, smart buildings, and smart communities;

- (i) Entrepreneurship and livelihood skills training applicable for both rural and urban setting;
- (j) Environmental awareness, including disaster awareness, preparedness and mitigation, environmental protection, conservation, and sustainability;
- (k) Human rights promotion, peace and security building, and crime prevention which shall include awareness of illicit drugs and substances:
- (l) Financial education, including basics of budgeting, savings, and investments;
- (m) Personal development that shall include building a successful career roadmap; and
- (n) Cultural awareness to foster culture-based empowerment, leadership, and governance among the youth.
- SEC. 6. Assistance of Concerned Government Agencies, Organizations, and Instrumentalities. The NYC, DILG, DTI, DOH, DICT, PSC, NCCA, DOT, and other concerned agencies, shall provide the necessary assistance to the SK for the effective implementation of the summer youth camp.

The SK may also consult nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs) accredited by the NYC in the development and implementation of the program.

- SEC. 7. Funding. The budget for the summer youth camp shall be included in the annual appropriations of the SK of the respective local government units in accordance with Section 20(a) of Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015."
- SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The NYC, the DILG, and the SK representatives shall, in consultation with various youth organizations and youth-serving organizations, promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days after its effectivity.

- SEC. 9. Separability Clause. If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
- SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause*. All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees, rules and regulations, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.
- SEC. 11. *Effectivity*. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

VICENTE C SOTTO III
President of the Senate

LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker of the House
of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on September 7, 2021, amended by the Senate of the Philippines on May 26, 2022, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on May 30, 2022.

MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA Secretary of the Senate MARK LLANDO L. MENDOZA Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved:

vithout the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

President of the Philippines