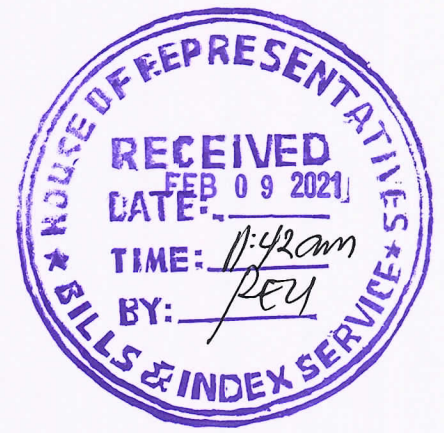


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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1562



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE XAVIER JESUS D. ROMUALDO

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9163, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM ACT OF 2001, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM MAY BE IMPROVED AND HOW THE YOUTH MAYBE ENGAGED BETTER FOR NATION-BUILDING

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9163, otherwise known as the National Service Training Program of 2001, which was approved by both Houses of Congress on 19 December 2001 and signed into law by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on 23 January 2002, established the National Service Training Program (NSTP) as part of the curricula of all baccalaureate degree courses and of at least two-year technical-vocational courses;

WHEREAS, as provided under RA No. 9163, the NSTP aims to enhance the civic consciousness and defense preparedness in the youth by developing the ethics of service and patriotism and is composed of three service components designed to enhance the active contribution of the youth to the general welfare, namely: the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), the Literacy Training Service (LTS), and the Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS);

WHEREAS, RA No. 9163 also created the National Service Reserve Corps, to be composed of graduates of the LTS and CWTS, who may be tapped by the State for literacy and civic welfare activities, while ROTC graduates become part of the Citizen Armed Force, or Reserve Force, of the Armed Forces of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, all students of baccalaureate degree courses and of at least two-year technical-vocational courses are required to complete one of the NSTP components as a requisite for graduation;

WHEREAS, considering that it has been over 19 years since RA No. 9163 was enacted, it is appropriate for the House of Representatives to review the law and its implementation, ascertain whether the purpose and aims of the law are being attained, and determine whether amendments are required to improve the law or make it more responsive to the present times;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives to conduct an inquiry on the implementation of RA No. 9163 to determine whether the NSTP may be improved and how the youth maybe engaged better for nation-building.

Adopted,


XAVIER JESUS D. ROMUALDO