

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 903



Introduced by: **Rep. JOSEPH STEPHEN S. PADUANO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to institutionalize trainings and program dedicated towards sustainable rehabilitation of drug dependents in the programs of the Technical and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and appropriating corresponding funds for the said program.

As of 13 September 2018 a total of 1.4M drug users and pushers have turned themselves in to authorities¹. The sudden influx of 'surrenderees' launched several proposed measures tackling suitable rehabilitation programs. However, there remain the lingering question of how can we ensure that their rehabilitation is sustainable?

The State through the TESDA², play an important and relevant part in sustaining the advancement of rehabilitated drug dependents. As part of their reformation, schooling and training is important to rebuild their values and confidence. Technical education and skills development, geared to make them self-reliant, productive and more importantly employable, will make them more equipped in their immersion back to society.

Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



JOSEPH STEPHEN S. PADUANO

¹ Bueza, M. (2018, September 13). IN NUMBERS: The Philippines' 'war on drugs', from <http://www.rappler.com/newsbreak/iq/145814-numbers-statistics-philippines-war-drugs>

² TESDA being the agency mandated to provide relevant, high quality and efficient technical education and skills development to our younger generation in support the development of high quality Filipino mid-level manpower responsive to and in accordance with the Philippine Development goals and priorities.

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 903

Introduced by: **Rep. JOSEPH STEPHEN S. PADUANO**

AN ACT
MANDATING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (TESDA) TO INCLUDE IN ITS ANNUAL APPROVED BUDGET AN
ALLOCATION INTENDED FOR TRAININGS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE DRUG
DEPENDENTS THAT WERE ALREADY REHABILITATED.

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

SECTION 1. The Technical and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) is hereby mandated to include in its approved annual budget an allocation for trainings and technical education dedicated for the rehabilitated drug dependents.

SEC. 2. TESDA shall design educational programs tailored for rehabilitated drug dependents. It shall promulgate rules and regulations for the effective implementation with rehabilitated drug dependents as beneficiaries.

SEC. 3. TESDA in collaboration with the Department of Labor and Employment shall closely coordinate to ensure fair access and competitiveness to job opportunities. Furthermore, DOLE shall provide incentives to companies who employs reformed drug dependent beneficiaries.

SEC. 4. All laws, presidential decrees, or issuances, executive orders, letters of instructions, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.