HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8006

By Representatives Teves (J.), Sanchez, Go (M.), Yap (E.) and Savellano, per Committee Report No. 600

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE CABUGAO SCHOOL OF HANDICRAFT AND COTTAGE INDUSTRIES (CSHCI) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATO, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES, INTO A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)-SUPERVISED AND ADMINISTERED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CATANDUANES POLYTECHNIC SKILLS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (CPSDI), 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 "Catanduanes Polytechnic Skills Development Institute Act".

SEC. 2. *Conversion.* - The Cabugao School of Handicraft and Cottage Industries (CSHCI) located in Barangay Cabugao in the Municipality of Bato, Province of Catanduanes, is hereby converted into the Catanduanes Polytechnic Skills Development Institute (CPSDI), and placed under the supervision and administration of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

SEC. 3. *General Mandate.* – The CPSDI, hereinafter referred to as the Institute, shall restructure its technical-vocational education and training (TVET) programs to effect a major curricular shift in response to the demand of the local and international labor market for technical skills, and align them with the standards of the industry.

To this end, the Institute shall upgrade its curricular standards as a tertiary TESDA-polytechnic skills educational institution and provide higher level competency qualifications for instructors in TESDA-registered TVET programs and certificate courses. It shall provide a wide array of relevant skills trainings and trade specialization courses that will facilitate the acquisition by the citizenry of the necessary technical skills that will enhance their access to gainful employment, practical livelihood, and entrepreneurial opportunities, and thus hasten the development of the host area and the adjacent localities in the Province of Catanduanes into human resource and productivity hubs.

Priority admission to the Institute, including availment of scholarships, grants-in-aid and student financial assistance, shall be given to the most economically disadvantaged students, out-of-school youths, persons with disabilities, and indigenous peoples of the Municipality of Bato and the