

AN ACT CREATING A BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL, EDUCATION, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND POWERS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3742, June 22, 1963

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of strengthening, promoting, coordinating, and expanding the programs of vocational education now being undertaken by the Bureau of Public Schools and for the purpose of enhancing the socio-economic program of the Philippines through the development of skilled manpower in agricultural, industrial and trade-technical, fishery, and other vocational courses, there is hereby created a bureau to be known as the Bureau of Vocational Education under the Department of Education.

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Vocational Education shall have a head who shall be known as the Director of Vocational Education and an assistant head to be known as the Assistant Director of Vocational Education, both of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments of the Confess of the Philippines, and shall receive a salary of eight thousand eight hundred thirty-two pesos per annum and eight thousand four hundred pesos per annum, respectively.

SEC. 3. The divisions of vocational education in the Bureau of Public Schools and their corresponding personnel, appropriations, equipment and tools, records, and school plants and other facilities and assets are hereby transferred to the Bureau of Vocational Education: Provided, That the personnel of the Home Economics Division who are engaged in the supervision of home economics in elementary general high schools shall be retained in the Bureau of Public Schools. Likewise, all agricultural, rural, trade-technical, fishery and all other vocational schools and all services directly concerned with the programs of vocational education under the Bureau of Public Schools together with their corresponding personnel, appropriations, equipment and tools, animal stocks, records, and school plants (sites buildings, equipment, reservations, etc.) and other facilities and assets are hereby transferred to the Bureau of Vocational Education, except those which are financed by the city governments, which will be administered and supervised by the Bureau of Vocational Education through the superintendent of city schools: Provided, That all appropriations, equipment and facilities now devoted to general home economics shall remain with the Bureau of Public Schools.

SEC. 4. The power of administration and supervision now being exercised by the Director of Public Schools over vocational and trade-technical schools, courses, activities and training programs in vocational and trade-technical education per se under the public schools is hereby transferred to the Director of Vocational Education. The Director of Vocational Education shall have such authority and powers similarly vested upon directors of bureaus and offices under existing laws: Provided, That the complete administration and supervision of all public elementary schools and general high schools shall remain with the Bureau of Public Schools: Provided, further, That all government vocational, trade and technical schools shall be included within the purview of this Act.

SEC. 5. The Director of Vocational Education shall, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Education,

reorganize the personnel of the vocational divisions and their sections in such manner as will be necessary to insure maximum efficiency, and at such standardized scales of salaries commensurate with the duties and responsibilities of the positions involved: Provided, That no present official or employee in the Division of Vocational Education shall be laid off nor his salary or rank reduced.

SEC. 6. The sum of thirty thousand pesos is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the initial organization and operation of the Bureau of Vocational Education. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Acts. The expenditures allotted for the operation, administration, and supervision by the personnel of the vocational divisions such as supplies, materials transportation and supervisory expenses taken from the lump sum appropriation for such services from the Bureau of Public Schools are hereby transferred to the Bureau of Vocational Education.

SEC. 7. All Acts, executive orders, administrative orders and proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 22, 1963.

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