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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3201, S-2023

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A CHILD LABOR PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION PROGRAM (CLPEP) SECTION UNDER THE QUEZON CITY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE (QC-PESO), PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Introduced by Councilor EDGAR "Egay" G. YAP*

*Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Joseph P. Juico, Nikki V. Crisologo, Charm M. Ferrer, Fernando Miguel "Mikey" F. Belmonte, Candy A. Medina, Aly Medalla, Dave C. Valmocina, Tatay Rannie Z. Ludovica, Godofredo T. Liban II, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Geleen "Dok G" G. Lumbad, Albert Alvin "Chuckie" L. Antonio III, Don S. De Leon, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Atty. Anton L. Reyes, Imee A. Rillo, Raquel S. Malañgen, Irene R. Belmonte, Nanette Castelo-Daza, Marra C. Suntay, Joseph Joe Visaya, Alfred Vargas, MPA, Ram V. Medalla, Shaira "Shay" L. Liban, Aiko S. Melendez, Mutya Castelo, Maria Eleanor "Doc Ellie" R. Juan, O.D., Kristine Alexia R. Matias, Eric Z. Medina, Emmanuel Banjo A. Pilar, Vito Sotto Generoso, Victor "Vic" Bernardo, Alfredo "Freddy" Roxas and Julian Marcus D. Trono*

*WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as the "Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act", as amended by Republic Act No. 9231, declares it a policy of the State to provide special protection to children from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation, and discrimination, and other conditions prejudicial to their development, which include child labor in its worst forms;*

*WHEREAS, in signing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child on January 26, 1990, the Philippines recognized the right of each child to be protected from economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development;*

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 32(2) of the same Convention, States Parties shall take legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to ensure the implementation of the policies against child labor. To this end, and having regard to the relevant provisions of other international instruments, States Parties shall provide for a minimum age or minimum ages for admission to employment, for appropriate regulation of the hours and conditions of employment, and for appropriate penalties or other sanctions to ensure the effective enforcement of the present article;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is aligned with the Philippine Program Against Child Labor (PPACL), a nationwide program for the prevention and elimination of child labor in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, there is a need to take the necessary measures to ensure implementation of the PPACL and other related frameworks or national action plans in all geographic regions of the country, through the existing regional and local councils for the protection of children or related structures, pursuant to Section 6 of Executive Order No. 92, Series of 2019, issued by the President of the Philippines, entitled "Institutionalizing the National Council Against Child Labor to Upscale the Implementation of the program Against Child Labor";

WHEREAS, The National Council Against Child Labor (NCACL), created under Executive Order No. 92, Series of 2019, is tasked to amplify government efforts for the protection of the rights of vulnerable sectors, especially the children, strengthen related institutional mechanisms, and establish further measures to contribute to the prevention, reduction, and elimination of any form of child labor;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 34, Series of 2022, issued by the Quezon City Mayor, entitled "An Order Further Reorganizing the Quezon City Council for the Protection of Children, Updating its Committees, Sub-Committees, Composition and Functions", declares the need to integrate and synchronize policies, programs, and services for children, and to ensure their effective implementation and efficiency in the utilization of resources dedicated for the protection of children;

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WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to amplify City efforts for the protection of the rights of vulnerable sectors, especially the children, strengthening related institutional mechanisms, and establishing further measures that will contribute to the prevention, reduction, and elimination of any form of child labor.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF THE CHILD LABOR PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION PROGRAM (CLPEP) SECTION. – The CLPEP Section is hereby created under the Quezon City Public Employment Services Office (QC-PESO).

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS. – The CLPEP Section shall have the following functions, among others:

- a. Coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Philippine Program Against Child Labor (PPACL) by all concerned agencies, departments, organizations, barangays, and relevant stakeholders;
- b. Coordinate and conduct advocacy campaigns and information dissemination on child labor and existing laws related thereto;
- c. Develop and maintain a knowledge and data management system on child labor that ensures the sharing of relevant information, fosters communication, and improves program monitoring of child labor case referrals;
- d. Ensure the conduct of researches, studies, surveys and assessments on child labor for policy and program development and enhancement;
- e. Monitor the status of cases filed against individuals, agencies, institutions or establishments that violate the provisions of laws on child labor;

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- f. Foster cooperation with international development agencies and other competent bodies to provide expert advice on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, International Labor Organization (ILO) Convention 138, ILO Convention 182, Republic Act No. No. 7610, as amended, and other related laws; and
- g. Accept donations, contributions, grants or bequests from domestic or foreign sources for the purposes relevant to the CLPEP Section's mandates and functions, pursuant to relevant laws and subject to applicable budgetary, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** – For the effective implementation of this Ordinance, the City Government shall allot additional funds to the annual budget appropriated to finance the QC-PESO plans, projects and programs.

**SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the QC-PESO, after thorough consultation with multi-sectoral groups and stakeholders, shall jointly formulate the implementing rules and regulations and guidelines of this Ordinance. The multi-sectoral groups and stakeholders to be consulted shall be composed of experts and representatives from various sectors, such as Civil Society, Non-Government Organizations, labor organizations and community-based organizations.

**SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – If any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions thereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – Any provision of law or regulation inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed, revoked or modified accordingly.

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*SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its publication in a local newspaper of general circulation in the City and its posting at the entrance of the City Hall and two (2) other conspicuous places in the City.*


ENACTED: June 5, 2023.

  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


  
ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III  
City Government Department Head III  
(City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: JUN 30 2023

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on June 5, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 13, 2023.*

  
ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III  
City Government Department Head III  
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