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THE MURANG’A COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BILL, 2022

AN ACT of the County Assembly to create employment opportunities for youth residents of Murang’a with the aim of achieving self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods.

Enacted by the County Assembly of Murang’a as follows;

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1. Short Title

The Act will be cited as the Murang’a County Youth Empowerment Act, 2022.

2. Interpretation

“county executive member” means the County Executive member in charge of youth affairs;

3. Objects & Purpose of the Act

The object and purpose of this Act is to —

- (1) regularly create and update a database of all unemployed youth in the county;
- (2) continuously encourage entrepreneurship and innovation to create employment opportunities;
- (3) ensure sustained skills development and improvement;
- (4) create an enabling environment for investors;
- (5) adopt market-oriented policies to improve industrial export competitiveness and job creation;
- (6) to identify county resources that may create employment opportunities; and
- (7) coordination and collaboration with relevant stakeholders to create employment opportunities and utilize youth capacities as an asset to economic, social and political development.

PART II- CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT DATA

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4. Creation of a data base

- (1) The executive committee member shall obtain relevant county employment data from the county executive committee member in charge of finance and other relevant public and private entities.
- (2) The executive committee member in charge of economic planning shall create a data base of all the unemployed people in the County.
- (3) The database shall include information of employment status of the following groups—
 - (a) skilled with no employment;
 - (b) semi-skilled with no employment;
 - (c) unskilled with no education and no employment; and
 - (d) professionals with no employment.
- (4) No county entity shall withhold data on employment and employees as sought under this Act.

5.Update of the Database.

- (1) The executive committee member shall ensure that the database shall be updated every financial year.
- (4) The executive committee member shall submit to the County Assembly annual reports of the updated employment data.
- (5) The updated database shall be shared with relevant stakeholders.

PART III - COUNTY GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS.

6. Murang'a County Youth Development Steering Committee.

- (1) The County Government shall establish a Youth Development Steering committee domiciled at the County Department responsible for youth affairs to coordinate and facilitate the work of youth empowerment and inclusion.
- (2) The Murang'a County Youth steering committee shall —
 - (1) monitor implementation of any legislation and policy on youth empowerment;
 - (2) evaluate the impact of legislations and policies at regular intervals and renew policy initiatives accordingly;
 - (3) review county policies in alignment with the bill and to advocate the objectives of the bill with relevant county departments;
 - (4) promote Research and Development in the youth sector; and
 - (5) any other roles as the executive committee member may assign.

7 . Intervention Programs

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- (1) The County Government shall initiate interventions for creation of employment opportunities of as—
 - (a) sensitization programs on existing opportunities for job creation;
 - (b) sustainable waste management programs;
 - (c) internship programs for professional and unemployed people; and
 - (d) scholarship programs for training and skills development.
- (2) The County Government shall formulate policies to support the interventions.

8. Establishment of Information Centers

- (1) The County Government shall establish information centers across all the sub-counties, with at least one center in each subcounty.
- (2) The information centers will be established for purposes of equipping people with necessary knowledge on socio-economic empowerment opportunities.

9. Transform agriculture and Agri-Business

The county government shall promote agribusiness to promote youth empowerment through specifically—

- (1) promote youth participation in agriculture as a livelihood through value addition of agricultural outputs and putting in place processes that motivate youth to participate in agribusiness;
- (2) promote agriculture, livestock and blue economy skills development, innovation, information sharing and access to finance;
- (3) support youth to access land for agri-business and agricultural adoption to climate change; and
- (4) strengthen youth's agribusinesses through enhanced coordination, monitoring and evaluation of product development and supply chains in agribusiness activities.

10. Promotion Of Sports, Culture, Performing Arts And Music.

The county government shall put in place measures that —

- (1) strengthen county support and reward system for participation in sports at county, national and international level and develop the Murang'a County Sports Policy;
- (2) encourage private sector participation in the promotion of arts and sports sectors for young people;
- (3) identify and establish an area for leisure in each of the urban areas in the sub-counties;
- (4) establish institutions to promote diverse arts and cultural activities; and
- (5) reward excellence in arts and sports when providing educational and employment opportunities.

11. Health, Nutrition And Well-Being

The county government shall—

- (1) enhance the improvement, provision and expansion of access to services including information, guidance and counselling and make them youth friendly;
- (2) establish psychosocial services including counselling services at community level
- (3) provide protection and support services for young people who have experienced sexual violence, domestic abuse and mental illness; and
- (4) create awareness among youth on lifestyle associated diseases and promote physical activity, healthy lifestyles and healthy dietary habits.

12. Drug Abuse

The county executive committee member shall—

- (1) adopt and implement a strict drug control policy;
- (2) address drug use within the overall context of poverty reduction, social inclusion across all sectors of the society;
- (3) increase the number and accessibility of rehabilitation and treatment centers for youth drug addicts;
- (4) provide psycho-social services for young drug addicts and their families; and
- (5) enhance awareness about drug addiction by means of education provided by experts to families through youth centers.

13. Centers of Excellence

- (1) The County Executive committee member shall cluster existing technical training institutions to be modelled into centers of specialization for specific technical courses.
- (2) The County Government scholarship programs shall be implemented in the identified centers of excellence.
- (3) The centers of excellence may consult with the Kenya Institute of curriculum development and other institutions of higher learning to develop competency-based curriculum for technical courses.

14. Diversification of Economic Activities

- (1) The County Government shall identify economic activities in each sub-county that will have both comparative and absolute advantage.
- (2) The relevant departments shall formulate policies on the identified economic activities.
- (3) The County Government shall schedule annual trade fairs and exhibitions where participants from each sub-county will showcase diverse products.
- (4) encourage residents to tap into identified economic activities in the specific sub-counties for income generation.

15. Industrialization and Manufacturing

- (1) The County Government to encourage and support establishment of cottage industries in every subcounty to promote innovations and value addition.
- (2) The County Government shall create an enabling environment to attract investors in the County.
- (3) Tax and license holidays shall be issued for youth start-ups.

16. Partnerships and Collaborations

- (1) The county government may enter into private public partnerships with organizations and institutions on —
 - (a) short courses at subsidized fee;
 - (b) research on new ideas;
 - (c) relevant and marketable skills on various opportunities;
 - (d) employment and internship opportunities; and
 - (e) developing of project proposals.
- (2) The County government may collaborate with various organizations and institutions that are local, national or international on cottage industries and innovation

17. Co-operatives and Community Based Organizations

The County Government shall encourage formation of cooperatives to enable access to start-up capital.

18. Multi- Sectoral Approach.

The county shall adopt a multi-sector approach to unemployment and all county department shall collectively and individually, through the executive committee member come up interventions on youth empowerment.

PART IV - MISCELLANEOUS

19. County Planning Framework

The county executive member shall ensure that creation of employment especially for the youth shall be part of the County Planning Framework at all levels.

20. Regulations.

The Executive Committee Member may prescribe Regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

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MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill of the County Assembly of Murang'a seeks to create employment opportunities for residents of Murang'a with the aim of achieving self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods;

PART I of the Bill provides for preliminary matters including the short title, commencement and the interpretation of words and expressions used in the Bill and the objects and purpose of the Bill.

PART II of the Bill provides for creation of a database and update of a database on unemployment data.

PART III of the Bill contains provisions for county government interventions and programs, centers of excellence, diversification of economic activities, drug abuse measures, promotion of sports, performing arts and music, health and nutrition, transformation of agriculture and agri-business, industrialization and manufacturing, partnerships and collaborations, and community-based organizations and a multi-sectoral approach all aimed at reducing unemployment.

Part IV of the Bill contains miscellaneous on county planning framework with regards to unemployment and Regulations.

This Bill is NOT a money Bill within the meaning of Section 21(4) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and its enactment shall NOT occasion additional expenditure of public funds.

The Bill does not contain provisions limiting the fundamental rights and freedoms set out under the Constitution.

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