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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is sad to note that, despite being acknowledged as unsung heroes of our country, many of our teachers live in dismal conditions and a good number are unable to send their children to college, or find it very difficult to do so.

This bill seeks to correct this irony by extending educational assistance to children of our mentors in the form of tuition fee exemptions and discounts to enable them to obtain a college education with less financial and psychological strain on their parents. Further, the assistance is extended to children of other employees of educational institutions, who in their own capacity facilitate the educational attainment of our children.

Our country's economy leaves much work to be done and, corollarily and similarly, the plight of teachers and employees of educational institutions and their families leaves much to be desired. In the light of the foregoing premises, therefore, approval of this bill is hereby earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FREE TUITION AND OTHER FEES TO CHILDREN OF
TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER LEARNING

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is declared the policy of the State to extend other economic benefits to children of teachers and full-time employees of public and private schools, colleges, universities and post-secondary vocational and technical institutions like free tuition and other fees in the educational institution where either or both parents are employed, by virtue of their employment. This policy is meant to help alleviate the difficulties encountered by teachers and employees of an educational institution whose sweat and labors are spent in the service of the said educational institution that benefits children other than their own because their inadequate pay cannot meet the high costs of college education.

SEC. 2. Definitions.– For purpose of this Act, the term “teacher” shall mean all persons in classroom teaching in a level of instruction from kindergarten to college, including but not limited to guidance counselors, vocational trainers, technical instructors, all persons performing supervisory and/ or administrative functions and other performing similar tasks or occupying equivalent positions: Provided, that said “teachers” serve on a full-time and regular basis in the educational institution where he is employed.

SEC. 3. Exemption from Payment of Tuition and other School Fees.– Children of teachers and employees of public schools, college, universities and other post-secondary institutions of learning, pursuing their studies in the educational institutions where either or both their parents are teaching or employed shall be exempt from payment of tuition and other school fees. Children of teachers and employees of private schools, colleges, universities and other post-secondary institutions of learning, pursuing their studies in the educational institutions where either or both parents are teaching or employed shall enjoy

minimum benefits, and that the first child of the teacher or employee shall enjoy a one hundred percent (100%) exemption while the succeeding children will have at least fifty percent (50%) exemption from the payment of tuition and other school fees: Provided, however, That either or both parents have been teaching or employed in said institution for at least one (1) year at the time the exemption is claimed: Provided, further, That either or both parents continue to teach or remain employed at the educational institution where they are enrolled.

SEC. 4. *Exemption Part of employment Contract.* – The exemption granted under this Act shall be deemed part of the employment contract entered into between the educational institution and its teachers and employees and shall be in addition to salaries and wages and other rights and benefits extended to teachers, employees and students provided for under existing laws.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,