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House Bill No. 2408

Introduced by **HONORABLE SUHARTO T. MANGUDADATU**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

“It is the policy of the state to make education accessible to all and to maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies, and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged” (Article XIV, Philippine Constitution).

The history of all great nations teaches us that education has an important and central role in development, and today, the evidence that education promotes economic growth is indisputable.

According to the world bank report, “the evidence is clear that education does not only support but puts other goals of development more easily within reach: A one year increase in schooling could increase wages or income by more than 10%; in family-oriented enterprises in many countries, education appears to be more critical than physical; and education makes all difference between a country developing or not”.

In the Philippines, however, education has become a commodity that is beyond the reach of a great majority of our people. Because of its rising cost, education has become a privilege rather than a right.

Furthermore, several studies have pointed out that our country's underdevelopment can be attributed greatly to the quality and inaccessibility of education.

The country is constant witness to the sentiments of the people living in far-flung nooks, primarily in the municipalities of Sultan Kudarat, who barely have access to this basic right.

Therefore, in keeping with the mandate of the constitution and to effect social justice, the immediate passage of this bill, which provides for the establishment of a scholarship program in the municipality of Esperanza is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ESPERANZA, PROVINCE OF SULTAN
KUDARAT

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established under the direct supervision of the Department of Education a scholarship program in the Municipality of Esperanza.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to govern the effective implementation of said scholarship program.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriation of the Department of Education under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its operation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,