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HOUSE BILL NO. 543



Introduced by **HONORABLE LANI MERCADO- REVILLA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education serves as the foundation for sustained economic growth. This is because young people who have been educated stand to reap enormous benefits and success while those who do not are very likely destined to a life full of hardship, trials and want.

As more and more young people waste away in the slums, streets and sweatshops, the country suffers from an intellectual and moral drain. The lack of educational opportunity for young people is truly one of the worst tragedies that we witness.

In a study conducted on Philippine education, it was concluded that of the one (100) pupils who entered basic education, only eight (8) to ten (10) will possibly get college education. This something that we cannot countenanced.

This bill seeks to draw our focus and attention to the ever-pressing need for quality education. This measure, along with other complementing bills, will hopefully reverse the situation, and give the impoverished youth some hope for the future. Thus, all educational institutions will be required to grant full tuition scholarships to at least 10% of its college student population.

It is for these reasons that the approval of this bill is fervently sought.


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**AN ACT REQUIRING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANT TO AT LEAST TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THEIR
STUDENT POPULATION WHO ARE POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS, AND
FOR OTHER PUPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This Act be known as “*The Scholarship Program for Poor but Deserving Students Act of 2013.*”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy* – The State shall give priority to education, protect and promote the right of all citizens to qualify education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Towards this end, there shall be provided scholarship grants for poor but deserving Filipino students.

SECTION 3. *Nature and Extent of Scholarship Grants* - *College Scholarship grants are hereby in the form of free tuition fee to at least ten percent (10%) of the population of all colleges and universities who are poor but deserving students.*

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the speedy and effective implementation of this scholarship program.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its complete publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,