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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A great number of minor children and dependents of law enforcement officers killed by insurgents or slain in the line of duty are unable to continue schooling or to complete their secondary education because of the death of the breadwinner of the family.

This Act intends to provide educational benefits for such minor-orphaned children or dependents. Its coverage includes: (a) those who were orphaned prior to the approval of this Act but are still minors upon its approval; (b) beneficiaries who reach the age of majority and are unmarried while enjoying benefits and have not completed their secondary education shall continue to be entitled to the benefits provided herein until they complete secondary education; and (C) those who are minors upon the approval of this Act.

Benefits under this proposed bill shall include tuition fee and a reasonable allowance for books, school supplies, transportation, clothing and food.

As a tribute to our law enforcement officers who are fighting for our country and who are maintaining peace and order at the risk of their lives, early enactment of this bill is earnestly solicited.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE MINOR CHILDREN
OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE KILLED BY
INSURGENTS OR SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Educational Benefits for Orphaned Minor Children and Dependents. — Minor children and dependents of soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines or members of the Philippine National Police and other law enforcement agencies, who were killed by insurgents or slain in the line of duty shall be entitled to educational benefits from the time they are orphaned up to their completion of secondary education.

The benefits shall include tuition fees, reasonable allowance for books, school supplies, transportation, clothing and food.

SECTION 2. Administration of the Education Benefits System. —
The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines or the head of the

agency concerned shall designate the officer who shall administer the educational benefits system for the orphaned minor children or dependents covered under this Act.

The Chairman of the National Police Commission shall designate the office in the Commission, which shall administer the educational benefit system for the orphaned minor children or dependents of policemen and promulgate rules and regulations therefore.

SECTION 3 Funds for Educational Benefits. – There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount of four million pesos (P4,000,000.00) for the educational benefits of orphaned minor children and dependents covered under this Act for the initial year of operation. Thereafter, the amount required for said educational benefits shall be included in the annual appropriations of the concerned agency.

SECTION 4. Coverage. – This Act shall cover children whose father or mother were killed by insurgents or slain in the line of duty prior to the approval of this Act but who are still minors upon the approval of this Act.

Beneficiaries who reach the age of majority and are unmarried while enjoying the benefits of this Act but have not completed their secondary education shall continue to be entitled to the benefits until they complete secondary education.

SECTION 5. **Separability Clause.** – If for any reason any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,