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House Bill No. 872

Introduced by **REP. AUGUSTO BOBOY SYJUCO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Philippine Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all." Hence, the State is mandated to support and strengthen the provision of quality and accessible public education for the Filipinos especially for the indigent sector of the population who cannot afford to pursue tertiary education.

This bill seeks to appropriate the sum of Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000.00) to the State Scholarship Program under the supervision of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for scholarship grants to poor but deserving students in the tertiary level.

At present, the education system in the country offers free public education in the elementary and secondary levels only. The absence of free education in the tertiary level hinders poor but deserving students to pursue higher studies due to financial constraints. Through this measure, the sum of Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000.00) is appropriated to defray expenses for scholarship programs which poor but deserving students can avail of.

In view of the foregoing situation, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

Section 1. The sum of Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated as additional fund for the State Scholarship Program under the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

SEC. 2. The beneficiaries of the scholarship fund shall be the poor but deserving students in the tertiary level.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.