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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 education for the Filipinos especially for the indigent sector of the population who cannot afford to pursue tertiary education.

Many underprivileged but deserving students were not able to pursue tertiary education due financial constraints. Unlike elementary and secondary education, the tertiary education is not accessible to our poor students who could not afford to pay tuition fees and other school expenses. The cost of tertiary education in our country hinders poor but deserving students from achieving their dream and the opportunity to leave behind poverty.

This measure therefore proposes to provide scholarship grants in the form of free tuition fee to at least five percent (5%) of the student population in all colleges and universities who are poor but deserving students.

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


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AN ACT REQUIRING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THEIR STUDENT POPULATION WHO ARE POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Scholarship for the Poor Act”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby the policy of the State to give priority to education, protect and promote the right of all the citizens to quality 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 to poor but deserving Filipino students to all colleges and universities.

SEC. 3. Nature and Extent of Scholarship Grants. – Scholarship grants are hereby granted in form of free tuition fee to at least five percent (5%) of the student population in all colleges and universities who are poor but deserving students.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). – The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the speedy and effective implementation of this scholarship program.

SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.