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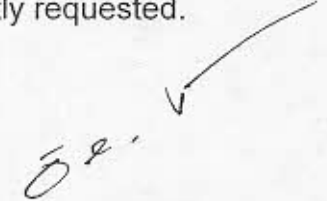
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a nationwide Scholarship Program for indigenous peoples to be known as the Indigenous Peoples Scholarship Program. This will give meaning to the Constitutional guarantee of an affordable, accessible and quality education for our indigenous cultural community brothers.

Education is one of the basic keys for sustainable economic development of the marginal sector of our society who are in need of government assistance and social services. One way of ensuring economic upliftment and social mobility is through the provision of opportunities, particularly to less privileged, though deserving, may not be able to complete their schooling due to poverty.

The Scholarship Program as envisioned in this bill will certainly provide the needed boost in this aspect.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONWIDE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the direct supervision of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), a nationwide scholarship program for indigenous peoples to be known as the "Indigenous Peoples Scholarship Program".

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to govern the effective implementation of the said nationwide scholarship program.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its operation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,