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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The teaching profession is a fulfilling, and at the same time, a demanding one. It is referred to as a calling, since much is expected from educators and only a handful of individuals heed such call. Aside from good interpersonal skills necessary in dealing with children other than your own, a teacher is also expected to devote a great deal of his time and attention in preparing lessons and instructional materials, and calculating grades, on top of other responsibilities that come with being an educator. They have to contend with financial troubles as well, since most of the time the remuneration is not commensurate with the requirements of the job.

Cognizant of the State's responsibilities of providing incentives to the teachers as well as in recognition of their dedicated service, this bill seeks to exempt children of teachers and employees in public institutions of higher learning from paying tuition and other related fees. When implemented, this measure is expected to have an immediate impact on the state of Philippine education because educators can now focus on their duties once one of their crucial concerns, that of providing quality education to their children, is taken care of.

In light of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FREE TUITION AND OTHER FEES TO CHILDREN OF
TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND
STATE UNIVERSITIES

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

SECTION. 1. Declaration of Policy. – It shall be declared the policy of the State to provide free tuition and other fees to children of teachers and full-time employees of public schools, colleges, universities and post-secondary vocational and technical institutions by virtue of their employment. This policy is meant to help alleviate the difficulties encountered by teachers and employees of an educational institution whose sweat and labors are spent in the service of educational institutions that benefits children other than their own because their inadequate pay cannot meet the high costs of college education.

SEC. 2. Definitions.– For purpose of this Act, the term "teacher" shall mean all persons in classroom teaching in a level of instruction from kindergarten to college, including but not limited to guidance counselors, vocational trainers, technical instructors, all persons performing supervisory and/or administrative functions and other performing similar tasks or occupying equivalent positions: Provided, that said "teachers" serve on a full-time and regular basis in the educational institution where he is employed.

SEC. 3. Exemption from Payment of Tuition and other School Fees.– Children of teachers and employees of public schools, colleges, universities and other post secondary institutions of learning, pursuing their studies in the public educational institutions shall be exempt from payment of tuition and other school fees. Provided, however, That either or both parents have been teaching or employed for at least one (1) year at the time the exemption is claimed.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,