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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 3, Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory.

Said Constitutional mandate could not be discharged without them laying their lives for our country. It would require every ounce of patriotism and nationalism in their blood. It is one of the highest forms of sacrifice for their mother land.

This Bill seeks to institutionalize the scholarship grants for the children of the members of the AFP. In doing so, this would encourage and reward them to continue their selfless act for the country and would boost their morale to effectively perform their sworn duties and responsibilities.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO THE CHILDREN
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES**

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

SECTION 1. **Title.** - This act shall be known as "Scholarship Grants for the Children of the Members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Act."

SECTION 2. **Declaration of policies.** - It is declared as the policy of the State to institutionalize the scholarship grants to the children of the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

SECTION 3. **Scholarship grant.**- The scholarship grant to the legitimate children of the members of the AFP, not exceeding four (4), shall include pre-school, elementary, secondary as well as tertiary education.

SECTION 4. **Eligibility** - Only legitimate children of the AFP members, not exceeding four (4), may avail of the scholarship grant. Provided, that they meet the academic requirement for admission to subject school, state university or college.

SECTION 5. **Schools where the scholarship grant is applicable.**- The scholarship grants shall be applicable in all public schools and state universities throughout the country.

SECTION 6. **Forfeiture of Grant.**- Members of the AFP who have been charged and proven to have committed acts of professional misconduct shall forfeit their eligibility to avail of the grant for their children

SECTION 8. **Impelementing Agency.** - The Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education, in coordination with the AFP, shall implement the provisions of this Act and shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the said purpose.

SECTION 9. **Separability clause.** - If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 10. **Repealing Clause.** - All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. **Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.