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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The positive intention of free public education is often undermined by the inadequate supply of reading materials in public elementary and high schools. Most students in public elementary and high schools cannot get their hands on the complete reading materials required for their daily lessons. More often than not, the number of students in each class exceeds the number of books allotted to them and by necessity, they have to share the books with their classmates.

The State recognizes the importance of quality education in making our citizens competent, productive and self-reliant. In line with the Constitutional mandate to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to establish and maintain a system of student subsidies and other incentives, this bill proposes to grant book subsidy to pupils and students enrolled in public elementary and high schools.



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AN ACT PROVIDING BOOK SUBSIDY TO PUPILS AND STUDENTS IN GOVERNMENT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

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 the “Book Subsidy to Pupils and Students in Government Elementary and High Schools.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Principles and State Policies. – The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect XXXX, intellectual and social well being .

The State shall establish and maintain a system of XXXX student loan programs and subsidies which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged.

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.

SECTION 3. Book Subsidy. – The book subsidy shall cover the period when the pupil or student commences his/her studies in elementary or high school subject to the rules, regulations, restrictions, conditions, and limitations of his scholarship grant. Such book allowance shall be dependent on the prevailing market rates of the required books of his/her grade or level.

SECTION 4. Eligibility of Pupils and Students to avail of the book subsidy. – All Pupils and Students of Government Elementary and High Schools shall be eligible to avail the book subsidy.

SECTION 5. Implementing Agency. – The Department of Education (DepED) shall be the implementing agencies for this Act. The above agencies shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

SECTION 6. 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 7. Repealing Clause. – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause. –This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,