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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The positive intention of scholarship grants is often undermined by the inability of the student to buy the books and reading materials required for his course or major. More often than not, the grant only covers the tuition fee and excludes book allowances.

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 government scholars in tertiary education.



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AN ACT PROVIDING BOOK SUBSIDY TO GOVERNMENT SCHOLARS IN TERTIARY EDUCATION 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 Government Scholars in Tertiary Education.”

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 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 Government Scholar commences the first semester of the academic year until he/she completes his/her chosen course or major 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 chosen course or major.

SECTION 4. Eligibility of Government Scholars to avail the book subsidy. – All Government Scholars enrolled in any college or university in their chosen field of study shall be eligible to avail the book subsidy. Provided, that the Government Scholar shall abide by the rules, regulations, conditions or limitations of his scholarship grant.

SECTION 5. Forfeiture of the allowance. – Any Government Scholar who shall have forfeited his scholarship grant shall forfeit his eligibility to avail of the book subsidy.

SECTION 6. Implementing Agency. – The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall be the implementing agencies for this Act. The above agencies shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 9. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,