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House Bill No. **4725**

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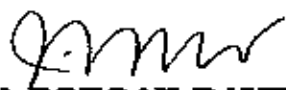
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education constitutes an extremely significant factor in a country's development. It is through education that a "technological society" takes off and develop and with the presence of "technological society", then, a country is assured of a competitive people able to tackle the demands of a new era.

But the problems of education serve as barriers for a number of individuals to improve oneself of the ten (10) pupils who enrolled in elementary, only five (5) or six (6) will be successful in completing grade school education and of the same number, only four (4) will continue and get their high school diploma. Tertiary education is more elusive with its concordant perception that it has become a privilege in recent years.

It has become imperative, thus, that the government must strengthen the base of scholarships in the country. This is to afford opportunity for the Filipino youth to be educated. And since it has become inevitable for private educational institutions, colleges, universities and schools to increase the cost of education (tuition fee, miscellaneous and other school fees) on a yearly basis, it is the intention of this legislation to make a condition sine qua non for such institutions to allot scholarships to poor but deserving students. The school is allowed to share in the burden being experienced by the government in its problem of lack of education opportunities by creating an avenue where citizens are afforded private school education.

Early cognizance of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT REQUIRING THE EXPANSION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
BY PRIVATE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES
AND SCHOOLS AS A CONDITION FOR THE INCREASE IN TUITION
FEE AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES APPLICATION**

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

Section 1. It is hereby made a condition for any grant of increase in tuition or other school fees applied for by private academic institutions, schools, colleges and universities with a total enrolment of at least two hundred (100) students or pupils to allot free scholarships to poor but deserving students at the ratio of one (1) free scholarship for every one hundred (100) students or pupils: Provided, That this requirement shall be exclusive of the present practice of private schools offering scholarship privileges to valedictorians, salutatorians and other students or pupils who have achieved scholastic distinctions. Neither shall other forms of scholarships such as those offered to athletes and working students be included in arriving at the proper number of poor but deserving students or pupils to be given free scholarships.

Section 2. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall jointly prepare, formulate and issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations that would define the program, the students or pupils who will qualify for free scholarships, the process and similar other provisions. In the formulation of the rules and regulations, private sector representatives, owners of schools, colleges, universities and private institutions and concerned sectors shall be consulted by DECS and CHED.

Section 3. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved.