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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2637

Submitted by the Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee on Appropriations on 29 JAN 2013;

Re: House Bill No. 6860

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3676 and House Resolution No. 234

Sponsors: Representatives Julio A. Ledesma IV, and Jocelyn S. Limkaichong

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Science and Technology and Appropriations, to which were referred House Bill No. 3676 authored by Rep. Angelo B. Palmones, entitled:

"AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING, AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7687 (AS AMENDED BY R.A 8248) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

and House Resolution No. 234 introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo entitled:

"A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF R.A. 7687, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP ACT OF 1994, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE PROBLEM AREAS FOR ITS EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6860, entitled:

"AN ACT BROADENING THE COVERAGE OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7687, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 1994" AS AMENDED

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3676 and House Resolution No. 234 with Reps. Angelo B. Palmones, Winston "Winnie" Castelo, Julio A. Ledesma, IV, Mariano U. Piamonte, Jr., Neptali M. Gonzales, II, Edcel C. Lagman, Bernardo M. Vergara, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Benhur L. Salimbangon, Raden C. Sakaluran, Roy M. Loyola, Arnel M. Cerafica, Eduardo R. Gullas, Jerry P. Trenas, Pedro P. Romualdo, Rachel Marguerite B. del Mar, Marcelino R. Teodoro, Bernadette R. Herrera-Dy, Cesar V. Sarmiento, Eufranio C. Eriguel, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Sigfrido R. Tinga, and Gloria M. Macapagal-Arroyo, as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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JULIO A. LEDESMA, IV
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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6860**

In Substitution to HB No. 3676 and HR No. 234

Introduced by Representatives Angelo B. Palmones, Winston "Winnie" Castelo, Julio A. Ledesma, IV, Mariano U. Piamonte, Jr., Neptali M. Gonzales, II, Edcel C. Lagman, Bernardo M. Vergara, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Benhur L. Salimbangon, Raden C. Sakaluran, Roy M. Loyola, Arnel M. Cerafica, Eduardo R. Gullas, Jerry P. Trenas, Pedro P. Romualdo, Rachel Marguerite B. del Mar, Marcelino R. Teodoro, Bernadette R. Herrera-Dy, Cesar V. Sarmiento, Eufranio C. Eriguel, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Sigfrido R. Tinga, and Gloria M. Macapagal-Arroyo

AN ACT

BROADENING THE COVERAGE OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7687, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 1994," AS AMENDED

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

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4 **SECTION 1.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7687 as amended, is hereby amended to
5 read as follows:

6 "SEC. 4. *Science and Technology Scholarship Fund.* – There is hereby
7 created a Science and Technology Scholarship Fund, hereinafter known as the
8 Fund, to be administered by the SCIENCE EDUCATION INSTITUTE (SEI)
9 OF THE Department of Science and Technology (DOST). THE FUND
10 SHALL BE USED SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY TO FINANCE THE
11 EDUCATION OF POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS: PROVIDED,
12 THAT THE FUND SHALL BE TREATED AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE
13 NATIONAL TREASURY AND ITS BALANCE, INCLUDING THE
14 AMOUNT APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL
15 APPROPRIATIONS ACT WHICH SHALL FORM PART OF THE FUND,
16 SHALL NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

1 **SEC. 2.** Section 5 of the same Act is further amended to read as follows:

2 “SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* [The amount necessary to carry out the
3 initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current Fiscal
4 Year Appropriations of the Department of Science and Technology.

5 In order to provide funds necessary for the continuous implementation
6 of the program for every year following its initial implementation, the budget
7 of the DOST shall be increased in the amount of Sixty million pesos
8 (P60,000,000.00) per year until it eventually reaches the amount of Three
9 hundred million pesos (P300,000,000.00) to sustain the recipients of the
10 scholarship during the duration of their study.

11 For the first two (2) years of implementation of the program, an
12 additional Six million pesos (P6,000,000.00) per month, to be increased to
13 Seven million pesos (P7,000,000.00) per month on the third and fourth year
14 shall be provided, which sum shall be generated from the net income of the
15 Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR). *Provided, That*
16 such amount shall be strictly used to subsidize the beneficiaries' expenses
17 while studying under the scholarship program herein provided. Priority shall
18 be accorded to scholars graduating from high schools located in the fifth (5th)
19 and sixth (6th) class municipalities.]

20 THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE
21 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE CHARGED AGAINST
22 THE CURRENT YEAR'S APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SEI UNDER THE
23 DOST. THEREAFTER, SUCH SUMS AS MAYBE NECESSARY TO
24 AUGMENT THE SPECIAL FUND HEREIN AUTHORIZED SHALL BE
25 INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

1 IN ADDITION, SEI IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT GRANTS,
2 CONTRIBUTIONS, DONATIONS FROM DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN
3 SOURCES FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS.

4 **SEC. 3.** Section 6 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 “Sec. 6. Coverage. – The grant of any scholarship award from the Fund
6 shall be applied only in the field of science, mathematics, engineering, and
7 such other areas in the undergraduate or postgraduate courses as may be
8 provided by the rules and regulations to be promulgated by the DOST and the
9 [Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)] DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION (DEPED): Provided, however, That COURSES TO BE
11 TAKEN BY THE SCHOLARS SHALL BE ALONG THE LINES OF
12 PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT, CONSISTENT WITH
13 THE PREVAILING AND EMERGING INDUSTRY AND SERVICE
14 SECTOR REQUIREMENTS AND PRIORITY INVESTMENTS, AS
15 CONTAINED IN THE PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN: *PROVIDED,*
16 FURTHER, THAT the scholarship grant for the post graduate level shall not be
17 limited to those scholars or recipients who are graduates of the undergraduate
18 scholarship program.

19 REFUSAL OR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROVISION
20 SHALL BE GROUND FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE PROGRAM.

21 **SEC. 4.** Section 8 of the same Act is likewise amended to read as follows:

22 “SEC. 8. *Qualifications.* – In order to qualify for the TECHNICAL
23 AND BACCALAUREATE scholarship programs the applicant must be:

24 A) A GRADUATE FROM A SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL OR
25 SPECIAL SCIENCE CLASS OR SCIENCE ORIENTED HIGH SCHOOL

1 REGARDLESS OF GENDER, RELIGION AND CULTURAL
2 AFFILIATION;

3 [a] B) a member of the top five percent (5%) of [the] ANY high school
4 graduating class, regardless of gender, religion, and cultural affiliation;

5 C) A GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FROM ANY
6 HIGH SCHOOL WHO MAY NOT BELONG TO THE TOP FIVE (5%)
7 PERCENT OF THE GRADUATING CLASS BUT WITH EXEMPLARY
8 GRADES IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS;

9 [b] D) a resident of the municipality for the last [four (4)] TWO (2)
10 years prior to availing of the scholarship, as attested by school records;

11 [c] E) of good moral character and in good health[.]; AND

12 F) A QUALIFIER IN THE DOST-SEI SCHOLARSHIP
13 EXAMINATION.”

14 SEC. 5. Section 11 of the same Act is likewise amended to read as follows:

15 “SEC. 11. *Place of Study in the Country.* – The recipient of the
16 scholarship [privileges] GRANTS under this Act shall be required to pursue
17 [their degree program and/or the vocational, technical, or other courses
18 specified under this Act at any academic or training institutions duly accredited
19 by the DECS and the DOST and in private schools accredited by Federation of
20 Accrediting Agencies in the Philippines (FAAP)] TECHNICAL,
21 UNDERGRADUATE, AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS AND
22 SPECIALIZED TRAININGS IN STATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES
23 WITH HIGH QUALITY TRAINING STANDARDS, OR IN TERTIARY
24 INSTITUTIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER
25 EDUCATION (CHED) AS CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE, DOST
26 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS AND SIMILAR

1 INSTITUTIONS ABROAD AS DETERMINED BY THE ADVISORY
2 COMMITTEE CREATED UNDER SECTION 15 OF R.A.7687.”

3 **SEC. 6.** Section 15 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 “SEC. 15. *Advisory Committee.* – There is hereby created a committee
5 composed of the Secretary of Science and Technology as Chairman, and the
6 Secretaries and Heads of the following departments or agencies or their chosen
7 representatives as members: [Education, Culture and Sports] COMMISSION
8 ON HIGHER EDUCATION; Budget and Management; Agriculture; Trade and
9 Industry; Interior and Local Government; Finance and the National Economic
10 and Development Authority; and two (2) representatives from the private
11 sector, one (1) of whom shall come from the Philippine Chamber of
12 Commerce and Industry and one (1) from other sectors.

13 xxx * xxx xxx.”

14 **SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days from the
15 approval of this Act, the Secretary of Science and Technology shall issue the necessary rules
16 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

17 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules
18 and regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of
19 this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

20 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
21 in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

22 Approved,
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FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 3676 and House Resolution No. 234
(as approved by the Committee on Appropriations on January 22, 2012)

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PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7687, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 1994" AS AMENDED**

*Introduced by: REPS. ANGELO B. PALMONES AND WINSTON "WINNIE"
CASTELO*

*Committee Referral: Committee on Science & Technology
Committee Chairperson: Julio A. Ledesma IV*

OBJECTIVES:

- To support and expand the Science and Technology (S&T) Scholarship Program and ensure that the needed S & T manpower will be available to push the country in the line of developed countries.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Creates a Science and Technology Scholarship Fund to be administered by the Science Education Institute (SEI) of the Department of Science and Technology.
- Mandates that the fund shall be used solely to finance the education of the poor but deserving students.
- Provides that the Fund shall be treated as a special fund in the National Treasury and its balance, including the amount appropriated in the Annual General Appropriations Act which shall form part of the fund shall not revert to the General Fund.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act 7687- "An Act Instituting a Science and Technology Scholarship Program"
- Republic Act 8248- "An Act Further Strengthening the Science and Technology Program of the Government"
- General Appropriations Act (GAA)