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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **1171**



Introduced by Honorable **JOSEPHINE "Jaye" VERONIQUE R. LACSON - NOEL**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to enact into law a non-wage benefit for public school teachers in return for their steadfast dedication to the education of our nation's youth. This bill takes into consideration the role of education in nation-building and the importance of those who plays a vital role in carrying out the policies of the State.

Teachers are considered mentors, known to be the unsung heroes of every generation, and yet, a good number of dedicated and erudite teachers are unable or find it very difficult to send their own children to college. It is the aim of this measure to promote the right to education of all, especially the children of our teachers, as guaranteed by the Constitution. It states that all should have access and opportunity to education. Thus, this also seeks to correct the irony and therefore address the dismal situation of education in our country and the financial hardships that our public school teachers face to provide tertiary education to their own children because of their meager income.

There are so many things to be done in our economy and education in the Country. Consequently, the desire to education is given more weight than rigid plights.

In the light of the foregoing premises, thus, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

GRANTING A NON-WAGE BENEFIT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE FORM OF FREE TERTIARY EDUCATION IN ANY STATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FOR ONE (1) DEPENDENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Free Tertiary Benefit for Public School Teachers Act of 2013.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take the appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. With that regard, the Public School Teachers as the front agent of the government in disseminating this policy should properly be compensated for the services they render.

SECTION 3. *Non-wage Benefit.* – All public school teachers, either teaching in elementary, secondary or tertiary level, who are still in the service or retired, shall be qualified for a Non-Wage Benefit in the form of free tertiary education in any state college or university of their choice, for one (1) dependent: *Provided*, That for those who are still in the service, the public school teacher should have rendered services not shorter than six (6) years but would still be required to render services for four (4) more years. For those who are already retired after the passage of this Act, their service record should state that they did not render services shorter than ten (10) years, *Provided*, that they claim the non-wage benefit four (4) years after the retirement.

SECTION 4. *Implementation.* – The Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall issue and promulgate rules and regulations as deemed necessary for the evaluation, approval and implementation, as well as to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or

provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended and repealed accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general publication

Approved,