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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV of the Philippine Constitution declares:

"Section 1. 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 2. The State shall:

x x x

(2) Establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels. Without limiting the natural right of parents to rear their children, elementary education is compulsory for all children of school age.

(3) Establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies and other incentives which be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially the underprivileged."

Despite, however, the different programs implemented and being implemented by the government, for a good number of Filipinos, post-secondary education remains an elusive dream. High cost of education has been hindering poor but talented students from pursuing a career, ultimately depriving our country a chance to follow our collective vision of economic progress and political stability.

This bill seeks to bestow scholarship grants in form of free tuition fee to at least five percent (5 %) of the student population in all colleges and universities who are poor but deserving students.

Therefore, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP
GRANTS TO AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THEIR STUDENT POPULATION WHO
ARE POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS, 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 "Scholarship for the Poor Act."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to give priority to education, 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. Towards this end, there shall be provided a scholarship grants to poor but deserving Filipino students of all colleges and universities.

SEC. 3. Nature and Extent of Scholarship Grants. - Scholarship grants are hereby granted in the form of free tuition fee to at least five percent (5%) of the student population in all colleges and universities who are poor but deserving students.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the speedy and effective implementation of this scholarship program.

SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,