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HOUSE BILL No. **2405**



INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE NEIL BENEDICT A. MONTEJO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The accessibility of quality education to all Citizens is the main concern of this Bill which seeks to require all colleges and universities to provide scholarship grants to poor but deserving students.

Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution provides that "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." To achieve the clear mandate of the Constitution, all colleges and universities are exhorted to give their full support in the implementation of an effective scholarship program geared towards the upliftment of the lot of the poor.

This Bill aims to liberate the poor Filipino Students from the bondage of poverty by allowing them to pursue their studies and finish a college course to fully equip them with the necessary means to attain progress. Quality education is the best bridge from poverty to economic security and lasting peace.

Hence, the approval of this Bill is earnestly recommended.

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**AN ACT REQUIRING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT
OF THEIR STUDENT POPULATION WHO ARE POOR BUT DESERVING
STUDENTS.**

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

SECTION 1. Title of this Act.- This law shall be known as the Scholarship Program Act for
Poor but Deserving students.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.- The State shall 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. Toward this end, there shall be scholarship grants
provided to poor but deserving Filipino students.

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

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the speedy and effective implementation of this Scholarship program.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,