

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

16th Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3373



Introduced by HON. MA. VICTORIA R. SY-ALVARADO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide free public tertiary education to students who are deemed indigent by their respective Barangays, Cities, or Municipalities or Locality which they currently and permanently reside.

Section 1. Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that:

"The State Shall protect and promote the rights of all citizen to quality education all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education to all."

1 The importance of tertiary education cannot be underestimated . College Education is not only major factor in the nation's economic and social growth but also an important tool for human development . It is an instrument that gives young Filipinos the chance to realize their dreams . College education will make our countrymen fit not only for whatever jobs that happen to be on offer for the day, but also for whatever economic challenges life will present to them . In almost all societies, attending school and receiving college education are extremely vital and necessary if one wants to achieve success.

This measure aims to make tertiary education possible by providing free public tertiary education to indigent students who are qualified beneficiaries poorest of the poor by their Barangay, Cities, or Municipality heads/officials.

Tertiary education is the key that allows our people to move up in the world, seek better jobs, and ultimately succeed fully in life. So, no matter a person's station in life, such person is not deprived of a chance to obtain college education because of this bill

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



MA. VICTORIA R. SY-ALVARADO

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

16th Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3373

Introduced by HON. MA. VICTORIA R. SY-ALVARADO

AN ACT
PROVIDING FREE PUBLIC TERTIARY EDUCATION TO INDIGENT STUDENTS WHO ARE CLASSIFIED AS INDIGENT BY THE BARANGAY, CITY, OR MUNICIPALITY OFFICIALS/HEADS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCALITY.

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

SECTION 1. Free public tertiary education for degree and non-degree programs in including technical and vocational courses shall be provided to indigent student who are qualified beneficiaries of each Barangay, City, or Municipality which they reside.

The indigent student must be issued a Certificate of indigency by the Barangay, Municipality or City officials attesting to the veracity thereof.

SEC. 2. The qualified beneficiaries of the program shall be to free tuition fees and other school fees.

SEC. 3. The right to avail of the free public tertiary education shall terminate if the student fails for one (1) school year in the majority of the academic subjects in which the student is enrolled during the course of the unless such failure is due to some valid cause or circumstance beyond the student's control such as illness or environmental disturbances.

SEC. 4 The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall, in consultation with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the Department of Social Welfare Development (DSWD), including the Barangay, Municipal, or City officials issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. The amount of Three Hundred Million Pesos (300,000,000.00) to be administered by CHED is hereby appreciated for the initial implementation of this Act. Such sum may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be charged against the appropriation of the CHED.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized 'S' followed by a long horizontal stroke and a curved flourish.