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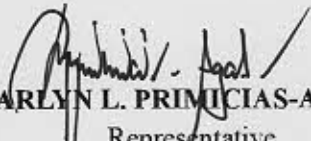
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As citizens of a Republic, all people with disabilities still have the right to have their education and employment. But in the current state of the country, they are not given much attention. And for this, many of them are feeling discouraged to go to school or work, for (1) discrimination is still present among people and people still tend to criticize them for their disabilities, (2) they find difficulties to cope up with their studies or work due to the sacrifices for having the disabilities, and (3) no assistance from the government is given for the special education health treatment, and the financial needs of their families.

This Bill shall contain some of the incentives and provisions that a family of the person with disabilities can get, in order to encourage the disabled one to go to school or work to make a living for himself and his family.

The immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
GIVING INCENTIVES AND ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,
AND THEIR RESPECTIVE FAMILIES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* - This Act shall be known as the "Assistance for the PWDs Act of 2014."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy* – Section 1, Article XIII of the Philippine Constitution states that "The Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities by equitably diffusing wealth and political power for the common good."

SEC. 3. *Incentive* – The family of the person with disability (PWD) shall be given an incentive in the form of 20% discounts in their transportation fare and medicine.

SEC. 4. *Provision* – The PWD shall be given free health care for his/her disorder or disability. He/she shall also be given 50% tuition fee discount in private & public schools.

SEC. 5. *Special Education* – For this matter, a program promoting the improvement in the system of special education shall be implemented, emphasizing the importance of basic education for the PWDs and vocational and degree course for those who plan to have a profession, and also encouraging special education teachers in the country through giving incentives.

SEC. 6. *Implementing Agency* – The Department of Education, the Department of Health, the Department of Social Work and Development, and the respective local government units shall ensure implementation of this Act.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – The Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health, and the Secretary of Social Work and Development shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act within thirty (30) days after approval of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations or part thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause* – Should any provision of this Act be found unconstitutional by any court of law, the pertinent provision shall be severed from the remainder of this Act.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,