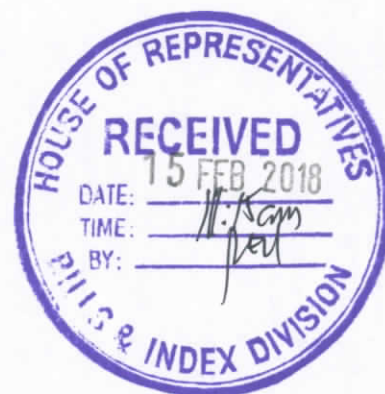


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HOUSE BILL NO. **7189**



Introduced by **HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide rice incentive benefit to the top ten students in every grade or year level of all public elementary and secondary schools nationwide.

Section 2 (3), Article XIV (Education, Science and Technology, Arts, Culture, And Sports) of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall *“Establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies, and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged.”*

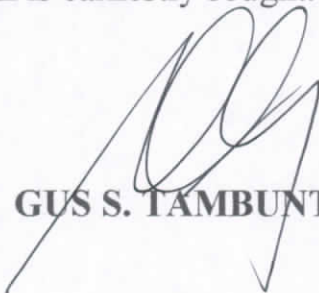
Section 33, Chapter 5 (School Finance and Assistance) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 232, otherwise known as the *“Education Act of 1982,”* states:

“Section 33. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State that the national government shall contribute to the financial support of educational programs pursuant to goals of education as declared in the Constitution. Towards this end, the government shall:

- 1. Adopt measures to broaden access to education through financial assistance and other forms of incentives to schools, teachers, pupils and students; and*
- 2. Encourage and stimulate private support to education through, inter alia, fiscal and other assistance measures.”*

This bill, therefore, intends to realize the constitutional mandate by providing rice incentive benefit to academically deserving students of public elementary and secondary schools nationwide. The incentive shall be given to the top ten students in every grade or year level on a quarterly basis to encourage them to study harder and excel in their academic performance. The granting of rice incentives to students who excel in school is intended to motivate these young people to finish their studies regardless of their economic status in life. It is also intended to address the problem of starvation among students who do well in school. It is hoped that with the simple incentive provided under this measure, students will be inspired further to give their best effort in academics and continue to dream big for their future.

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



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AN ACT

**PROVIDING RICE INCENTIVES TO TOP TEN STUDENTS IN EVERY
GRADE OR YEAR LEVEL OF ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. A quarterly rice incentive benefit shall be granted to the top
ten students in every grade or year level of all public elementary and secondary
schools who have completed at least one grading quarter of continuous
attendance in school and have shown exemplary academic performance in their
school work.

The rice incentive shall be given at the end of every grading quarter after
the names of the top ten students in every grade or year level shall have been
identified and posted within the premises of the school.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall
be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Education. Thereafter,
such sum as maybe necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act
shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 SEC. 3. The Department of Education shall promulgate the
2 implementing rules and regulations within ninety (90) days after the enactment
3 of this Act.

4 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
5 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation,

6 Approved,