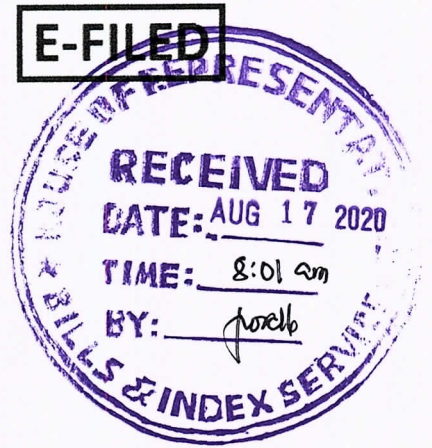


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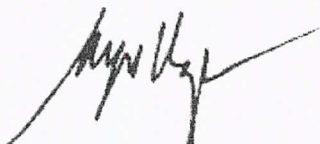
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Department of Education (DepEd) designed the K-12 Enhanced Education Program to increase the quality of education and address the unemployment in the country by providing students with mastery of basic competencies and skills necessary for employment and at par with international standards.

This bill seeks to realize the promise of the the K-12 Enhanced Education Program while also supporting the pool of the Philippine National Police's next generation of recruits. This bill will also level the playing field for children of poor families who cannot afford to go to college to be qualified to the country's police force, while still adhering to the PNP's general qualifications, amending for the purpose the PNP Law.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is urgently sought.


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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – The Act shall be known as the “K-12 to PNP Act”.

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is a declared policy of the State that the youth plays a vital role in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs. Through this legislation, the opportunities for Filipino youth will be broadened by opening the admission of the Philippine National Police (PNP) to graduates of the K-12 enhanced education program.

SECTION 2. Amendatory Provision. – The existing provisions on the General Qualifications for Appointment in the PNP in Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Republic Act No. 8551, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- a.) A citizen of the Philippines;
- b.) A person of good moral conduct;
- c.) Must have passed the psychiatric/psychological, drug and physical tests to be administered by the PNP or by any NAPOLCOM accredited government hospital for the purpose of determining physical and mental health;

- d.) Must [~~possess a formal baccalaureate degree from a recognized institution of learning~~] HAVE COMPLETED THE K-12 ENHANCED EDUCATION PROGRAM;
- e.) Must be eligible in accordance with the standards set by the Commission;
- f.) Must not have been dishonorable discharged from the military employment or dismissed for cause from any civilian position in the Government;
- g.) Must not have been convicted by final judgment of an offense or crime involving moral turpitude;
- h.) Must be at least one meter and sixty-two centimeters (1.62m) in height for male and one meter and fifty-seven centimeters (1.57m) for female;
- i.) Must weigh not more or less than five kilograms (5 kgs.) from the standard weight corresponding to his or her height, age, and sex; and
- j.) For a new applicant, must not be less than twenty-one (21) nor more than thirty (30) years of age: except for the last qualification, the above-enumerated qualifications shall be continuing in character and an absence of any one of them at any given time shall be a ground for separation or retirement from the service: Provided, that PNP members who are already in the service upon the effectivity of this Act shall be given at least two (2) more years to obtain the minimum educational qualification and one (1) year to satisfy the weight requirement.

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SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,