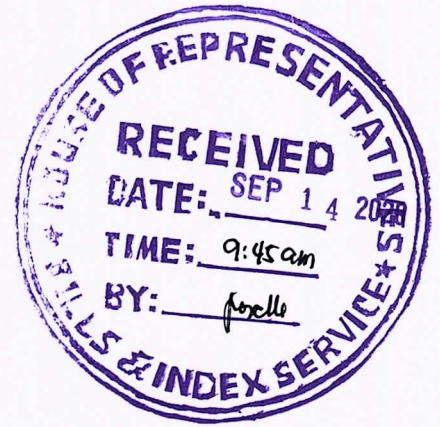




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House Bill No. 7659

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is the only effective weapon we have against poverty. It is through education that the people learn about their fundamental rights and make well-informed decisions. It is decent education that fuels people to be vigilant in defending their place, status and stance in society and in transforming the nation into a better-functioning government. In short, a country with well-educated citizens is easily led towards progress and development.

That being said, it is just proper that academic excellence be given high regard. In a nation where poverty is very prevalent, the plight of students who do well in school and who strive to finish college education in order to help themselves and their families despite the hardships they are experiencing due their lack of resources and means of their family, should never remain unnoticed or overlooked. Rather, their brilliance paralleled with perseverance and undying fighting spirit must be rewarded and their enthusiasm to learn must be further encouraged.

Students who display excellence academically or otherwise possess an intense passion for learning and love for knowledge. This kind of young people are the nation's hope towards better governance and leadership. This

kind of students who genuinely pursue excellence in what they do will be and should be the future leaders of our country. It is, therefore, the State's responsibility to make sure that these young intelligent people get an opportunity to finish their studies regardless of their situation in life. It is the State's duty, as it is also for its own benefit, to ensure that such brilliant minds will not be wasted just because of financial restraints.

Through this bill, the top three (3) graduating high school students, the crème ala crème in every graduating batch so to speak, shall be automatically given scholarship grants in the form of cash incentives to help them advance to college/tertiary education to provide for their matriculation which gets even more expensive by the year.

It is prayed that through this modest cash incentive, deserving students will aid them in pursuing the career they want and reach for their dreams.

It is for this reason that the approval of this bill is being sought.

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2 **AN ACT GRANTING CASH INCENTIVES TO THE TOP THREE (3)**
3 **GRADUATING STUDENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
4 **IN THE COUNTRY**

5 *Be it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of the*
6 *Philippines in Congress assembled:*

7 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as "*The Cash*
8 *Incentive for the Top Three (3) High Schools Students Act of 2020*";

9 **SECTION 2. Coverage.** This Act shall cover only student in public high
10 schools in the country.

11 **SECTION 3. Cash Incentives.** The top three (3) graduates of every
12 public high school in the country shall be awarded cash incentives on the
13 day of their commencement exercises, as follows:

14 Valedictorian = P10,000.00

15 Salutatorian = P5,000.00

16 First Honorable Mention = P3,000.00

1 **SECTION 4. Appropriations.** The said cash incentives shall be
2 sourced from the funds of the Local Government Unit where the high school
3 is under.

4 **SECTION 5. Non-Prejudicial Clause.** Said cash incentives granted
5 under this Act shall be without prejudice to the other existing scholarship
6 grants being enjoyed by high school graduates.

7 **SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees,
8 letters of instructions, executive orders, rules and regulations insofar as they
9 are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or amended as the case
10 may be.

11 **SECTION 7. Separability Clause.** – In the event that any provision of
12 this Act or any portion thereof is declared unconstitutional by a competent
13 court, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall remain
14 valid and enforceable.

15 **SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect after its
16 complete publication in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

17 **Approved.**