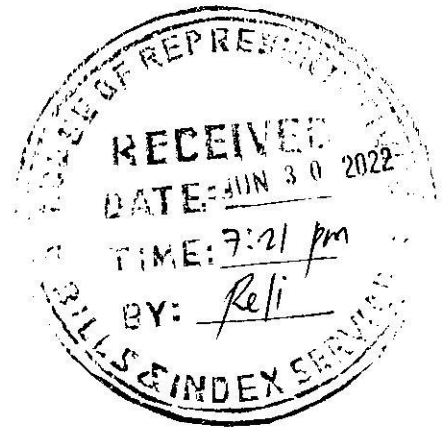


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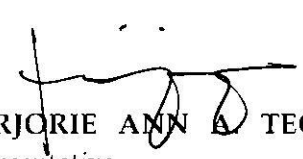
This bill seeks to grant Scholarship Grants to all qualified public school teachers for the for the advancement of their profession, and their children for their growth and development.

Our educators have always been one of the key elements to our development. It is through their teachings that we can simplify complex problems, expand our ideas on different concepts and subjects, and make informed decisions. They possess great patience and knowledge in imparting their wisdom and ideas that will eventually become our own. These ideas bring forth what we currently contribute to our profession, thus, we would not be what we are today if it were not for them.

I have come to know that most of our educators have expressed interest in advancing their profession through masters and doctorate degrees, but lack the financial means to do so by reason of minimal salary. As much as having further studies that will improve their credentials, they must, however prioritize the education of their children given its importance to their lives. Therefore, to further empower and serve our educators, I aim to pass this piece of legislation to assist them and their children in the hopes of creating an opportunity to learn and flourish.

As someone who has passionately served the educational system for years, I acknowledge the need to develop our minds to further gain knowledge and continue to be vital elements to society.

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


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**GRANTING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO ALL QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEACHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

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 “Scholarship Grant to Public School
Teachers Act”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to recognize the role of educators in
nation-building as they are given the responsibility and role to rear our children for the
development of the country by giving priority to education to foster patriotism and nationalism,
accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

SEC. 3. Scholarship Grant to Qualified Public School Teachers – All qualified public school
teachers in all levels shall be granted a scholarship to any of the masters and doctorate courses
offered in any State Universities and Colleges accredited by the Commission on Higher Education
(CHED): *Provided*, That the qualified public school teacher has been in active service for at least
three (3) years prior to the date of application, must have no pending administrative or criminal
case/s and must obtain at least a Very Satisfactory performance rating for two (2) consecutive
periods preceding the application; *Provided further*, That the public school teacher must continue
his service in the public education system until his graduation from his chosen course.

SEC. 4. Scholarship Grant to the children of Public School Teachers. – All qualified public school teachers may apply their children for a scholarship grant to the Department of Education (DepEd) for pre-school, elementary and secondary education in public schools within their city or municipality, or a scholarship grant to the Commission on Higher Education for tertiary education in any of the State Universities and Colleges nationwide: *Provided*, That the scholarship grant may only be awarded to the legitimate, legitimated or legally adopted children of the qualified public school teacher; *Provided further*, That the applying public school teacher has been in active service for at least three (3) years prior to the date of application.

SEC. 5. Scholarship Grant to the children of Retired Public School Teachers. – Retired public school teachers may likewise apply their children for a scholarship grant to the Department of Education (DepEd) for pre-school, elementary and secondary education in public schools within their city or municipality, or a scholarship grant to the Commission on Higher Education for tertiary education in any of the State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) nationwide: *Provided*, That the scholarship grant may only be awarded to the legitimate, legitimated or legally adopted children of the retired public school teacher; *Provided further*, That only 50% of the scholarship grant may only be awarded to the beneficiary.

SEC. 6. Limitation of the Scholarship Grant. – Beneficiaries of the scholarship grant must maintain the academic requirements of the public school or the SUCs they are enrolled in, professionalism and good conduct to continuously avail the grant.

However, if the beneficiary is reported by their schools/colleges/universities to have committed acts of professional misconduct, the scholarship grant shall be automatically forfeited.

SEC. 7. Additional Financial Assistance to the Beneficiaries. – Beneficiaries will be given an allowance of P20,000 in the form of a stipend to be rewarded by DepEd or CHED to cover the following school-related expenses:

- a. Academic Books prescribed for their chosen degrees/courses;
- b. Uniforms;
- c. School supplies, which shall include, but not limited to writing materials, writing paper, notebooks, folder, calculator, binder, among others;
- d. Other materials necessary for educational purposes.

SEC. 5. Implementing Agencies. – DepEd and CHED shall lead in the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the budgets of the DepEd and CHED under their current General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, such sums necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in their annual GAA.

SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – DepEd and CHED, in consultation with other government agencies shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. - All provisions of existing laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. – If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions not affected thereby.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,