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EXPLANATORY NOTE

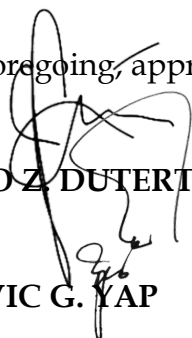
According to Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, "the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development."

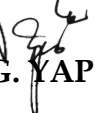
The role of teachers goes beyond the four walls of a classroom and their work schedule. Outside their lesson plans, they instill moral and civic values to the Filipino youth. As they invest their knowledge, time, and energy to molding the youth, it is high time for the State to do the same with the pillars of our society - our educators.

This bill seeks to offer scholarship grants to public school teachers for their graduate and post-graduate studies and to give educational assistance in terms of cash allowance to their children enrolled in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs). By means of this, quality education is then made available to teachers, their children, and their students.

By providing opportunities to teachers to pursue further studies, they are encouraged to do so for their self-development. Through this, they could cultivate expertise in a specialized area of study. More so, it yields a positive effect on the students as well, as this shall provide a ripple effect as teachers could impart what they have learned with their students. This bill also seeks to lift the social and economic burden from teachers in financing their children's tertiary education through cash assistance.

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


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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL CASH ASSISTANCE TO THEIR CHILDREN
IN TERTIARY EDUCATION

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 and Educational Grants to Public School Teachers and their Children Act.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It shall be the policy of the State to provide access to free education to public school teachers and their children by providing for them institutionalized scholarship grants and educational cash assistance, respectively. The scholarship grants to public school teachers will give them high morale and self-esteem. Providing children of public school teachers with educational cash assistance will lessen their social and economic burden and encourage them to focus on their studies.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For the purpose of this Act, the term:

- a. “Children of public school teachers” shall refer to legitimate children of public school teachers;
- b. “Educational cash assistance” shall refer to cash allowance provided to the children of public school teachers in tertiary education; and
- c. “Public school teachers” shall refer to all persons engaged in classroom teaching, in any level of institution, on full-time basis or part-time basis, including guidance counselors, school librarians, industrial arts or vocational instructors, and all other persons performing supervisory and/or administrative functions in all schools, colleges and universities operated by the government or its political subdivisions; but shall not

include school nurses, school physicians, school dentists, and other school employees.

SEC. 4. *Scholarship grant and educational cash assistance.* – The scholarship grants for public school teachers shall cover graduate/post-graduate education while the educational cash assistance covers their children in tertiary education.

SEC. 5. *Eligibility of public school teachers to avail of grant.* – Public school teachers who are in active service shall be eligible to avail of the scholarship grants to enroll in any graduate or post-graduate courses, provided that the public school teacher shall have been in active duty for at least two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to the date of application for the grant.

SEC. 6. *Eligibility of children of public school teachers to avail of grant.* – Only legitimate children of public school teachers who are in active service shall be eligible to avail of the educational cash assistance.

SEC. 7. *Eligibility of retired public school teachers to avail of grant.* – Retired public school teachers may avail of the scholarship grant for their children. However, their children shall be entitled to only a proportional amount of educational cash assistance.

SEC. 8. *Schools where scholarship grant is applicable.* – The scholarship grant shall be applicable in all state universities and colleges throughout the country. The children of public school teachers shall be qualified to avail of the educational cash assistance only upon passing all the requirements set by the respective schools.

SEC. 9. *Forfeiture of Grant.* – Public school teachers who have been charged and proven to have committed acts of professional misconduct shall forfeit their eligibility to avail of the grant. They shall also forfeit the eligibility to avail of the grant for their children.

SEC. 10. *Implementing Agency.* – The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall be the implementing agencies for this Act. The above agencies shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of other provisions hereof.

SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders and issuances or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,