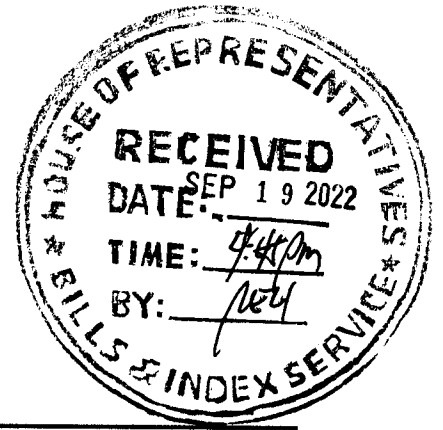


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House Bill No. **4991**



Introduced by Representative Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), unutilized scholarships cost the country hundreds of millions of pesos. These unused and unutilized scholarships are scattered among different government and private organizations, as well as international bodies and academic institutions abroad. The unutilized scholarships not only mean financial losses to the country but missed opportunities for deserving and hardworking Filipino students as well.

The creation of the proposed National Center for scholarships, which would ensure that these scholarships are properly monitored, advertised, and systematically allocated, would lessen such losses and would guarantee the timely availment and generation of more scholarships.

This Act, which had been previously filed by Rep. Salvador Belaro during the 17 th Congress, seeks to establish a government body that shall ensure that all available scholarships would be timely and properly granted and that more scholarships would be generated to serve the purpose of developing the quality of education available to Filipinos.


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AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "National Center for Scholarships Act of 2022"

SEC. 2. Consistent with the state policy to democratize access to education, all academic and training scholarships which are government-funded, or even privately funded but coursed through the government, must be forwarded, monitored, and implemented under a National Center for Scholarship which shall ensure that all available scholarships are made known and made accessible to the widest possible and most qualified recipients.

SEC. 3. It shall be the responsibility of the National Center for Scholarship to publish online and in newspapers of general circulation at least sixty (60) days before the actual selection of recipients or grantees who will enjoy the available scholarship grants, including any form of government funded training and scholarship vouchers, contemplated under this Act.

SEC.4. The National Center for Scholarships shall also be the primary authority for the implementation and generation of scholarships here and abroad and shall be established as a government body attached to the Office of the President.

SEC. 5. The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) shall for jointly formulate and issue rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 7. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,