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Hon. Eduardo “Bro. Eddie” C. Villanueva

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is also the policy of the State to implement programs and services centered on the needs of PWDs, uplifts the quality of life, and empowers persons with disability. This bill seeks to provide Scholarship Grants to PWDs to guide them in their development and make them a contributory factor to economic growth of our society.

Education is a great equalizer; it also reduces the negative effects of economic inequality on health and other social outcomes especially for our disabled countrymen. It will be of great help if they can be able to obtain a college degree with the help of the government.

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

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EDUARDO “BRO. EDDIE” C. VILLANUEVA

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AN ACT
PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 Grants for PWDs Act of 2024.”

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development, prioritizing for the needs of the under-privileged, sick and disabled fellow Filipinos. Towards this end, the State shall adopt policies ensuring the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of disabled persons.

Section 3. *Scholarship Grants for PWDs.* – There shall hereby be provided, under the supervision of Department of Education (DepED) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Scholarship Grants to qualified Persons with Disabilities twenty-five (25) years old and below.

Section 4. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher and Technical Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for this continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. *Separability Clause.* - If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. - All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,