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HOUSE BILL NO. 885



Introduced by **Representative FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ**

AN ACT
GRANTING SCHOLARSHIP TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) AND
THEIR CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

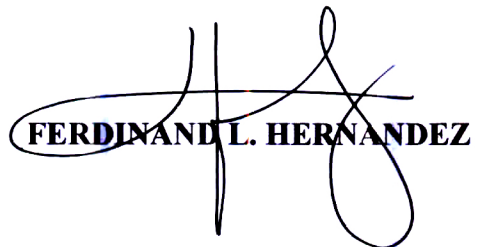
EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all regardless of one's age and condition.

It is likewise part of the State's mandate to accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development. Sadly, however, persons with disabilities (PWDs) experience limitations and discrimination in our society especially in the aspect of education and employment.

Recognizing the need to give those who are at a disadvantage an equal access to free and quality education, this bill seeks to provide scholarship grants to PWDs and their children to cater to their educational needs and enable them to cope with the challenges that confront them. In this way, PWDs and their families will be given a better fighting chance in life by reducing the negative effects of socio-economic inequality.

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


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HOUSE BILL NO. 385

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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 Program for PWDs and their Children."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all regardless of one's medical condition and age, and establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged.

SEC. 3. *Scholarship Grants to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and their Children.* - There shall hereby be provided Scholarship Grants to PWDs and their children under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of DepEd and CHED under the current General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual GAA.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision of the Act be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity or constitutionality of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby;

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any laws, decrees, letters of instructions, resolutions, orders, ordinances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,