



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **1479**



Introduced by Representative Crispin Diego “Ping” D. Remulla

AN ACT
GRANTING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIP
GRANTS TO CHILDREN OF UNIFORMED GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL
KILLED OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The nation sleeps soundly because men and women in uniform remain watchful in the dark. They run toward danger, not away from it. But when they fall, their families carry a burden too great to bear alone.

This bill proposes a just and lasting way to honor their sacrifice: by investing in their children’s future through education.

Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall 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. Yet when uniformed personnel are lost in the line of duty, their children often lose more than a parent. They lose stability, opportunity, and the promise of a better life.

While there are existing benefits for some agencies, they remain fragmented, uneven, and sometimes rank-dependent. This measure fills that gap. It ensures that all children of

uniformed personnel who are killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty receive educational assistance in the form of scholarships.

Although there are already measures in place to support those who risk their lives for the country, this proposed measure emphasizes the need for inclusivity, covering all uniformed personnel regardless of rank or position. The heroism of these public servants must echo beyond the battlefield, the burning building, or the patrol route. It must live on in the lives of their children who are given the chance to learn, grow, and lead.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. D. Remulla', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Heroes’ Children
2 Education Assistance Act.”

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the
4 right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make
5 such education accessible to all. The State also recognizes the invaluable service and sacrifices
6 of uniformed government personnel who risk their lives to protect citizens and serve the nation.
7 In this regard, it is the duty of the government to honor their heroism by supporting the
8 education of their children, especially when these personnel lose their lives or are permanently
9 disabled while on duty.

10 **SEC. 3. Educational Assistance.** – All uniformed personnel of the Armed Forces of
11 the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, the National Bureau of Investigation, the
12 Philippine Coast Guard, the Bureau of Fire Protection, the National Police Commission, the
13 National Mapping and Resource Information Authority, the Bureau of Jail Management and
14 Penology, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, and in other Philippine government
15 agencies who are killed in the line of duty or has suffered permanent incapacity shall be
16 qualified for educational assistance for their children in the form of educational scholarships

1 from the time of their death or permanent incapacity until they graduate from a four (4) or five
2 (5) year course in college. All children will also be entitled to a monthly allowance for their
3 daily school needs.

4 **SEC. 4. Monitoring and Compliance.** – The DepEd, CHED, DSWD, and DBM shall
5 submit an annual report to Congress detailing the number of beneficiaries, disbursements,
6 school performance, and implementation challenges.

7 **SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within 60 days after the approval
8 of this measure, the Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education
9 (CHED), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and the Department
10 of Budget and Management (DBM) shall issue and promulgate rules and regulations as deemed
11 necessary for the evaluation, approval, and effective implementation of this Act

12 **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this
13 Act shall be charged against those authorized in the current and subsequent General
14 Appropriations Act.

15 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** – If any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or
16 invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

17 **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or parts
18 thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

19 **SEC. 9. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its
20 publication in the Official Gazette or in any major newspaper of general circulation in the
21 Philippines.

Approved,