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HOUSE BILL NO. 2778



**Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G.
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

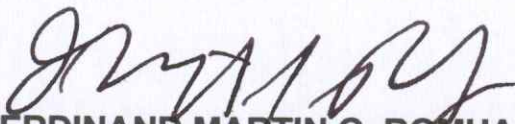
Internship or practicum is an essential requirement in many academic and technical-vocational programs. It allows students to apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings and helps prepare them for future employment. However, many students face financial challenges during their internship due to transportation, food, documentation, and other related expenses.

This bill seeks to provide a one-time allowance of Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) to students who successfully complete their required internship or practicum. The allowance will serve as financial support to ease the burden on students and their families, especially those from low-income backgrounds.

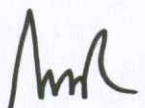
By institutionalizing this assistance, we recognize the value of students' efforts during their internships and ensure that financial constraints do not become a barrier to completing their education.

This is one of the bills proposed during the first Eastern Visayas Young Leaders Parliament held on December 11–15, 2024.

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



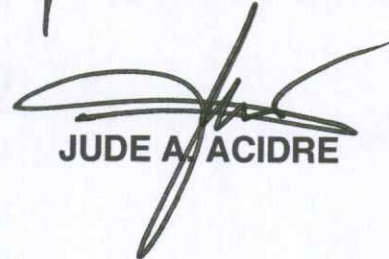
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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF INTERNSHIP ALLOWANCE
FOR STUDENTS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATE UNIVERSITIES
AND COLLEGES IN THE PHILIPPINES

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

Section 1. Title – This Act shall be known as the “**Student
Internship Allowance Act**”

Section 2. Declaration of State Policy - It is the declared policy of
the State to uphold the constitutional mandate to promote accessible and
quality education for all, and to provide adequate support to students in
the fulfillment of their academic and professional requirements.

The State recognizes that internship and practicum programs are integral
to the development of a competent and job-ready workforce, and that the
financial burden associated with these programs may hinder students
from lower-income backgrounds from completing their education.

In this regard, the State shall institutionalize financial support for students who complete their required internship or practicum, as a measure to foster inclusive growth, uphold equity in education, and encourage successful transition from school to work.

Section 3. Coverage – This Act shall apply to all Filipino students enrolled in any public or private Higher Education Institution (HEI) duly recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), or in any Technical-Vocational Institution (TVI) accredited by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), who are required to complete an internship, practicum, or on-the-job training (OJT) as part of their academic or certification requirements.

The grant of allowance shall be extended to students in undergraduate, diploma, certificate, and technical-vocational programs, whether enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis, provided they have satisfactorily completed the required number of internship, practicum, or OJT hours. Eligibility shall be certified by their respective HEI or TVI, based on their compliance with the approved curriculum or training program guidelines.

Section 4. Student Internship Allowance. - A one-time Internship Allowance in the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) shall be granted to each qualified student provided they have:

- a) Completed the required number of internship/practicum hours as prescribed by their program;
- b) Submitted all documentation and evaluation forms to their institution; and
- c) Have been certified by their HEI or TVI as having successfully completed their internship/practicum.

A one-time Internship Allowance in the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) shall be granted to each qualified student who successfully completed the internship, practicum, or on-the-job training (OJT) required by their academic or certification program. The allowance shall serve as financial assistance to support the student's subsistence, transportation, documentation, and incidental costs incurred during the internship period.

For the purposes of this Act, *successful completion* shall mean the student intern has:

- a) fulfilled the required number of internship or practicum hours as certified by the host training establishment and the HEI or TVI;
- b) submitted all post-internship reports, evaluations, and related documentation as required by their institution; and
- c) received a passing or satisfactory final assessment from both the institution and the host entity, if applicable.

The allowance shall be non-taxable and non-transferable, and shall not be subject to any deductions by the host establishment or the educational institution.

Moreover, this Act shall not diminish other rights or benefits due to student interns under separate applicable laws or regulations.

Section 5. Appropriations. - The initial amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current budget of the CHED and TESDA. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Section 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall jointly issue an implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 7. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder thereof not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, letters of instruction, proclamations or administrative regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity. - Notwithstanding the non-issuance of the implementing rules and regulations, this Act shall take effect fifteen (15)

days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,