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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 4174

Introduced by Rep. CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.

AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 11310, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
“PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) ACT” FOR THE
PURPOSE OF REINFORCING HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR
FILIPINO MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. While Republic Act 11148 stipulates the scaling up of nutrition intervention programs focusing on the first one thousand (1000) days of a child’s life to address malnutrition of infants and young children aged zero to two (2) years old, adolescent females, pregnant and lactating women.

In an article published by United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), an estimated 672,000 children suffer from wasting with about 50 percent under the age of 2 years. Hence, it is very important that a child receives proper nutrition during the first 1000 days of his or her life.

However, despite enactment of the RA 11148, malnutrition among infants is still prevalent in the Philippines. It may be noted that while they may have received supplements and other health and nutrition interventions from the government through the Department of Health, the fact remains that not all families especially the indigents, could sustain to provide nutritious food to their children much less afford three meals a day for their family.

According to data published by Philippine Statistics Authority in 2021, there is about 26.7 percent of children below five years old suffering from stunting due to malnutrition.

The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Act already provides the health and nutrition grant to household beneficiaries. Through this proposed bill, we seek the provision of additional cash grant for the first 1000 days of a child's life for those registered household beneficiaries under the 4Ps program on top of the stipulated health and nutrition grant.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 7. of Republic Act 11310 or the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino
2 Program (4Ps) Act shall be amended to read as:

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4 Section 7. Conditional Transfer to Beneficiaries – The Advisory Council shall determine
5 the amount of conditional transfer to beneficiaries with the following schemes:

6 (a) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in day care and elementary programs
7 shall not be lower than Three hundred pesos (P300.00) per month for a maximum of
8 ten (10) months per year;

9 (b) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in junior high school shall not be
10 lower than Five hundred pesos (P500.00) per month per child for a maximum of ten
11 (10) month per year;

1 (c) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in senior high school shall not be
2 lower than Seven hundred pesos (P700.00) per month per child for a maximum of ten
3 (10) month per year;

4 (d) Health and nutrition grant shall not be lower than Seven hundred fifty pesos (P750.00)
5 per month for a maximum of twelve (12) months per year;

6 **(e) AN ADDITIONAL FIRST 1,000 DAYS (F1KD) CASH GRANT PER CHILD**
7 **AGED ZERO (0) TO TWO (2) SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN THREE**
8 **HUNDRED PESOS (P300.00) PER MONTH FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2)**
9 **YEARS;**

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11 **FOR EVERY QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLD-BENEFICIARY, A MAXIMUM OF**
12 **THREE (3) CHILDREN SHALL BE GIVEN THE ADDITIONAL FIRST 1000**
13 **DAYS CASH GRANT.**

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15 **SECTION 2. *Separability Clause.*** - If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid
16 or unconstitutional, the other parts hereof not affected thereby shall remain valid.

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18 **SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause-*** All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders,
19 administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this
20 Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

21 **SECTION 4. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen [15] days after its
22 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

23 Approved,