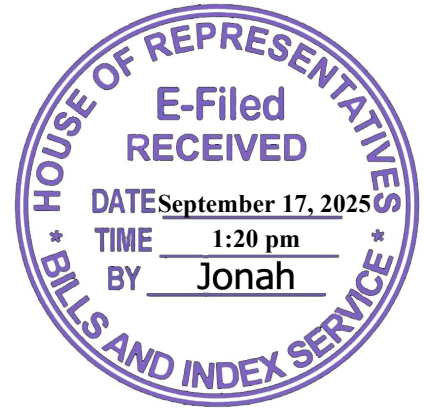


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Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE CLAUDINE DIANA D. BAUTISTA-LIM

AN ACT
STRENGTHENING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS FROM
POOR HOUSEHOLDS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3, 7, AND 11 OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 11310, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PANTAWID PAMILYANG
PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) ACT”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Disability and poverty are interrelated. A 2013 study cited that limited access to social services and development programs are among the reasons why a great majority of persons with disabilities (PWD) are in poverty. The prohibitive cost of special education, medical care, assistive devices and other disability-related expenses further plunge PWDs and their families below the poverty line.¹

“Persons with disabilities have generally poorer health, lower education achievements, fewer economic opportunities and higher rates of poverty than people without disabilities. This is largely due to the lack of services available to them and the many obstacles they face in their everyday lives.”²

Children with disabilities are particularly susceptible to poor economic and social conditions.

The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) reported in 2017 that *“Children with disabilities are more likely to be in poverty and face more obstacles in accessing services. Families of children with severe disabilities are among the most vulnerable sections of the population as their income-generating capacity is often constrained by the full-time care requirements of their children and they almost always have to*

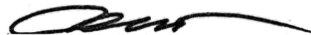
¹ [Life Haven Inc. \(2013\), The Conditional Cash Transfer Program in the Philippines: The Case of Poor Households with Persons with Disabilities. 2013](#)

² [World Health Organization \(2011\), World Report on Disability.2011](#)

bear a considerably higher cost of hygiene and medical care.”³

It is therefore imperative that poor households who have children with disabilities are given access to the government’s social protection programs. This measure seeks to amend Republic Act No. 11310 or the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act by including children with disabilities as beneficiaries of the program.

Immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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³ [UNICEF Syria \(2019\), Cash Transfer Programme for Children with Disabilities. 2019](#)

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 11310, otherwise known as the “Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act,” is hereby amended to read as follows and renumbered accordingly:

“Sec. 2. Declaration of Policies. - The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order thereby uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

The State recognizes the need to foster social justice as provided for in Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution, as follows:

“(a) xxx;

“xxx;

(G) IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES;

xxx”

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows and renumbered accordingly:

“Sec. 3. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Act, the following terms are defined, as follows:

“(a) xxx

(C) CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES REFERS TO CHILDREN WHO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND RELATED SERVICES DUE TO THEIR LONG OR SHORT-TERM PHYSICAL, MENTAL, INTELLECTUAL OR SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS WHICH IN INTERACTION WITH VARIOUS BARRIERS MAY HINDER THEIR FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY ON EQUAL BASIS WITH OTHERS TO DEVELOP THEM TO THEIR MAXIMUM CAPABILITY;

xxx

[(j)](K) Preventive Health Check-up refers to health and nutrition services comprising of complete immunization, deworming, growth and development monitoring, management of childhood diseases; **THERAPY AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**; malnutrition, and services for pregnant, lactating and post-partum women;

xxx”

SEC. 3. Section 7 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows and renumbered accordingly:

“Sec. 7. *Conditional Cash Transfer to Beneficiaries.* -The Advisory Council shall determine the amount of conditional cash transfer to beneficiaries with the following schemes:

“(a) xxx

xxx

(c) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in senior high school shall not be lower than

Seven hundred pesos (₱700.00) per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year; [and]

(D) A CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PER CHILD WITH DISABILITY SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN TWO THOUSAND PESOS (₱2,000) PER MONTH PER CHILD FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS PER YEAR;

xxx”

SEC. 4. Section 11 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows and renumbered accordingly:

“Sec. 11. *Conditions for Entitlement.* - All qualified household-beneficiaries shall comply with all of the following conditions as a requirement for continued program eligibility:

“(a) xxx

xxx xxx xxx

(e) Children five (5) to eighteen (18) years old must attend elementary or secondary classes at least eighty-five percent (85%) of their time; [and]

(F) CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AGED ZERO (0) TO EIGHTEEN (18) MUST RECEIVE REGULAR HEALTH INTERVENTION BY A SKILLED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OR CAREGIVERS RELATED TO THE CHILD’S DISABILITY;

xxx”

Sec. 5. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against those authorized in the current and subsequent General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 7. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, other issuances, and parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 8. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,