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HOUSE BILL NO. 4817



INTRODUCED BY REP. **REYNOLDS MICHAEL T. TAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The right to education is a fundamental right that empowers individuals and communities to break the cycle of poverty. In Samar, a significant number of underprivileged but deserving students are unable to pursue higher education due to financial constraints. This bill seeks to address this gap by establishing the Samar Provincial Scholarship Program.

This program ensures inclusivity and equal opportunity for students regardless of their chosen career paths. Whether in the sciences, arts, education, engineering, or other disciplines, the scholarship will allow young Samareños to pursue their aspirations and contribute meaningfully to the province and the nation. Investing in human capital is key to improving livelihoods and promoting long-term development.

Approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SAMAR PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 “*Samar Provincial Scholarship Program Act of 2025*”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote equal access to quality education by providing scholarship opportunities to underprivileged but deserving students in the Province of Samar, with a particular focus on fields relevant to the province’s sustainable development.

SECTION 3. *Establishment of the Program.* - There is hereby established a province-wide scholarship program to be known as the Samar Provincial Scholarship Program, which shall provide financial assistance covering tuition, books, allowances, and other related educational expenses.

SECTION 4. *Qualifications.* - The scholarship shall be open to underprivileged but deserving students who are bona fide residents of Samar, who have demonstrated academic potential, and who intend to pursue degree programs in priority fields as determined by the provincial government.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Agency, Rules and Regulations.* – The Provincial Government of Samar, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), shall implement this program. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this act, the aforementioned agencies shall promulgate the necessary IRR for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and issuances, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed amended accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,