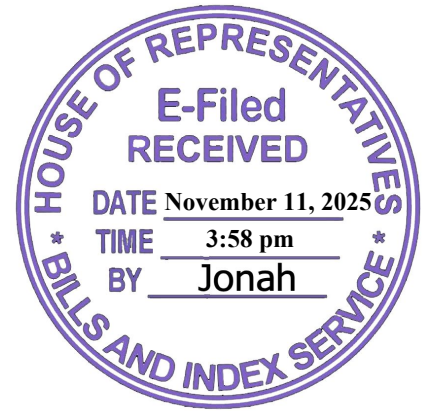


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5854



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), as institutionalized by Republic Act No. 11310, serves as the government's flagship poverty reduction and human capital investment initiative. By providing conditional cash transfers that encourage improved health, nutrition, and education outcomes, the program has helped millions of poor households begin the transition toward self-sufficiency.

However, despite these gains, 4Ps families continue to face vulnerabilities arising from illness, disability, income shocks, and lack of formal social protection. To further strengthen the economic resilience of beneficiary households, there is a need to integrate them into the **Social Security System (SSS)**, the nation's primary provider of social insurance against sickness, maternity, disability, unemployment, retirement, and other contingencies, pursuant to Republic Act No. 11199.

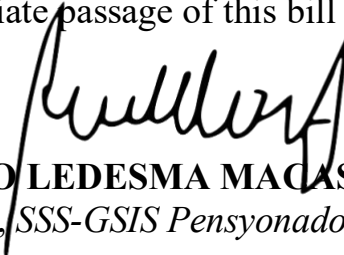
The SSS itself has emphasized through its public advisories and membership campaigns the importance of extending coverage to informal, low-income, and marginalized workers, including those transitioning out of welfare programs.

This bill seeks to **bridge the 4Ps program with the SSS system** by:

1. Providing **government-funded SSS contribution subsidies** for qualified 4Ps beneficiaries;
2. Ensuring that poor households gain long-term **social security protection**;
3. Promoting household resilience and preventing a return to poverty; and
4. Strengthening the human capital investments already achieved under the 4Ps program.

Funding shall be sourced from the **General Appropriations Act (GAA)**, ensuring stable and predictable budget support for the subsidy program.

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



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**AN ACT EXPANDING THE SOCIAL PROTECTION BENEFITS OF
THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) BY
PROVIDING SSS CONTRIBUTION SUBSIDIES TO QUALIFIED
BENEFICIARIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Insertion of New Section 7-A.**

2 A new Section 7-A is hereby inserted after Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11310,
3 to read as follows:

4 “SEC. 7-A. Social Security Coverage for 4Ps Beneficiaries.

5 (a) All qualified household-beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino
6 Program (4Ps) shall be **covered as voluntary members of the Social Security**
7 **System (SSS)** in accordance with Republic Act No. 11199, otherwise known as
8 the “Social Security Act of 2018.”

9 (b) The **National Government**, through the **Department of Social Welfare and**
10 **Development (DSWD)**, shall provide a **full or partial subsidy** for the monthly
11 SSS contributions of eligible 4Ps beneficiaries. Such subsidy shall be based on
12 the prevailing contribution schedule prescribed by the SSS.

13 (c) The SSS contribution subsidy shall be remitted directly by the DSWD to the
14 SSS and shall not pass through the beneficiary.

(d) Qualified 4Ps beneficiaries shall be entitled to all SSS benefits under Republic Act No. 11199, subject to existing qualifications, rules, and regulations of the SSS.

(e) The SSS, DSWD, and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall jointly determine the coverage, duration, and conditions for the subsidy, as well as the mechanism for disenrollment or continuation of premiums in cases of graduation from or exit from the 4Ps program.

SEC. 2. Inter-Agency Coordination and Data Sharing.

The DSWD and SSS shall establish a data-sharing arrangement, consistent with Republic Act No. 10173 (Data Privacy Act of 2012), to ensure the proper identification, enrollment, and monitoring of 4Ps beneficiaries covered under the subsidy program.

SEC. 3. Appropriations.

The implementation of this Act shall be funded under the **General Appropriations Act (GAA)**. The DBM shall include in the annual national budget the amounts necessary to subsidize the SSS contributions of qualified 4Ps beneficiaries.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DSWD, SSS, and DBM shall jointly promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.

All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause.

If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act or any provision not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. Effectivity.

This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.