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HOUSE BILL NO. 5896



Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 5 (5) of the 1987 Constitution states that: “the State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment.”

Notwithstanding the government’s effort in crafting measures to improve the education system and the available policies at hand, the quality of education in the country remains to be a problem. There is a need to upgrade the system and one way of doing it is to upgrade our teachers by providing them with the opportunity to pursue further studies.

The importance of the role of public school teachers in educating and rearing our youth cannot be overemphasized. It is crucial that our educators must possess high-quality skills and knowledge.

For our youth to become globally competitive and be an essential mover toward economic growth, our educators must be well-equipped and become exceptional individuals who are able to gear our youth to be productive partners in nation-building.

With a pool of highly educated teachers available in our country, it will be a big complement to our education system

In view thereof, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS PURSUING ADVANCED ACADEMIC DEGREES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* – This Act shall be known as the “Public School Teachers’ Scholarship Grant Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy* - The State recognizes the role of educators in nation-building as they are given the responsibility to rear our children to a path of becoming self-reliant, resourceful and a decent member of society.

SEC. 3. *Qualifications of Teacher Scholar* –

1. Must be in active service for at least three (3) years prior to the date of application for scholarship.
2. Must have no pending administrative or criminal charges/cases.
3. Must obtain at least a Very Satisfactory performance rating for two (2) consecutive periods preceding the application.

SEC. 4. *Limitation of the Scholarship Grant* –

1. Beneficiaries of the scholarship grant must maintain the academic requirements of the SUCs they are enrolled in.
2. They must maintain professionalism and good conduct to continuously avail the grant.
3. The teacher scholar must continue his service in the public education system until his graduation from his chosen course.

SEC. 5. *Cancellation of Scholarship Grant* – If the teacher scholar is reported by their schools/SUCs to have committed any act or acts of professional misconduct, the scholarship grant shall be automatically forfeited.

SEC. 6. *Additional Financial Assistance to the Teacher Scholar.* – The teacher scholar will be given an allowance of P25,000 per school year in the form of stipend from DepEd or CHED to cover the following school-related expenses:

1. Books / modules
2. Uniforms
3. Writing materials and school supplies
4. Other related expenses

SEC. 7. *Implementing Agencies* – the Department of Education and CHED shall lead in the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Appropriations* – The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the budgets of the DepEd and CHED under their current General Appropriations Act (GAA) funding.

Thereafter, such amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in their annual GAA.

SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, DepEd and CHED, in consultation with stakeholders and other government agencies, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*– All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Separability Clause* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 12. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,