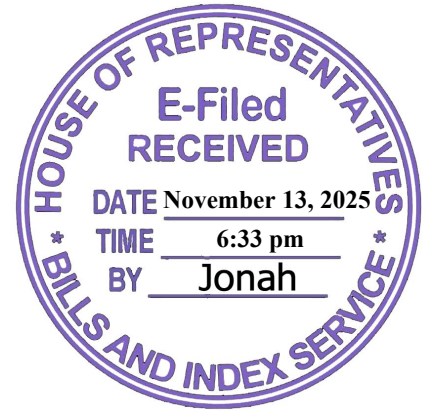


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5972



Introduced by Representative ANTOLIN “LENLEN” A. ORETA III

AN ACT
INCREASING THE CASH GRANTS OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO
PROGRAM (4PS)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution mandates the State in Section 1 and 2 of Article XIII to legislate policies that will “reduce social inequalities” and “create economic opportunities based on freedom of initiative and self-reliance.” Pursuant to this constitutional mandate, Republic Act No. 11310 otherwise known as “Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act” was institutionalized to break the cycle of poverty in marginalized and low-income families through investing in human capital development and improving basic services to them.

The program is designed to help marginalized sectors attain adequate social services which would improve the economic and social well-being of these families through cash grants. However, according to the latest Inflation Report of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), while the country has generally experienced a deceleration in overall inflation, significant upticks were recorded in key sectors such as housing, water, electricity, gas and petroleum products, and health. The inflation rate for housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels rose to 2.9% in April 2025, up from 1.7% in March, while the health sector registered an increase from 2.2% to 2.4% over the same period.

The PSA also reported that the latest Poverty Statistics Report revealed that 16.4% of Filipino families, or approximately 4.51 million households, continue to live below the poverty line. These circumstances highlight that the current cash grant levels under the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) may no longer adequately meet the needs of its beneficiaries. The grant amounts have remained unchanged since the program’s inception.

This proposed bill seeks to adjust and increase the conditional cash grants in the Section 7 of this law to respond to the country's evolving economic conditions and the continuing needs of Filipino families.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11310 is amended to read as follows:

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

(a) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in day care and elementary programs shall not be lower than **FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (₱500)** per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;

(b) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in junior high school shall not be lower than **SEVEN HUNDRED PESOS (₱700)** per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;

(c) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in senior high school shall not be lower than **NINE HUNDRED PESOS (₱900)** per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year; and

(d) Health and nutrition grant shall not be lower than **ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (₱1,800)** per month for a maximum of twelve (12) months per year.

SEC 2. Section 10 of the same act is amended to read as follows:

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2 The amounts indicated in Section 7 of this Act shall be made available to the qualified
3 household-beneficiaries during the first three (3) years of the implementation of this Act:
4 *Provided*, That every **YEAR** after the effectivity of this Act, the PIDS shall recommend
5 to the NAC whether the cash grants shall be adjusted to its present value using the
6 consumer price index, as published by the PSA: *Provided, further*, That the NAC shall
7 ensure that the grant amounts are sufficient to make a positive impact on the health,
8 nutrition, and education of the beneficiaries and are timely received and spent by the
9 beneficiaries.”

10 **SEC. 7. *Appropriation.*** - The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall
11 be sourced from those authorized in the current and subsequent General Appropriations Act
12 (GAA).

13 **SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of
14 this Act the DepEd shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
15 implementation of this Act.

16 **SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.*** - Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the
17 same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

18 **SEC. 10. *Repeating Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or other issuances
19 or parts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

20 **SEC. 11. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
21 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

22 *Approved,*