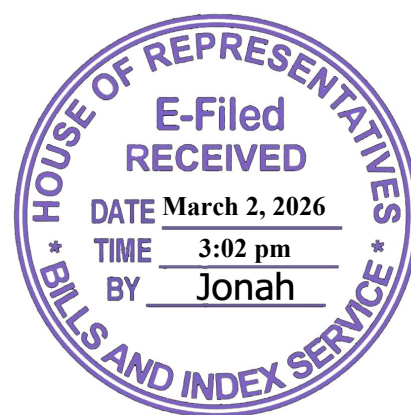


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8202



Introduced by **Representative ERIC G. YAP**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to institutionalize a monthly financial subsidy for parents and guardians of children with disabilities (CWDs) to mitigate the disproportionate economic burden placed upon them as primary caregivers. Families providing the primary care for CWDs often lack the necessary social protection to manage financial disturbances where they must spend significantly more than average families to achieve an equivalent standard of living.

A 2022 study by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on the cost of raising children with disabilities in the Philippines¹ revealed that households with CWDs incur extra expenditures ranging from forty percent (40%) to eighty percent (80%) higher than other families. These costs are primarily driven by specialized healthcare, therapy and assistive devices. Despite these high costs, the same study noted that poverty rates are fifty percent (50%) higher in these households, creating a cycle of economic vulnerability that undermines the stability of the family unit and the parent's ability to provide their children a secure future.

The systemic lack of support for these parents is further evidenced by a November 2025 policy brief by the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2). While an estimated 5.1 Million Filipino children live with disabilities², only a small fraction are enrolled in schools or registered for government benefits, often because parents cannot afford the high costs associated with specialized care. As of SY 2024-2025, only three hundred and ninety one thousand and eighty-nine (391,089) learners with disabilities were enrolled in public schools, representing a mere eight percent (8%) of the total estimated number of children with disabilities. This low enrollment rate is also a direct reflection of the financial barrier that prevents parents from fully integrating their children into the educational system.

¹ UNICEF. 2022 September. *Cost of Raising Children with Disabilities in the Philippines*. <https://www.unicef.org/philippines/media/5936/file/UNIPH-CWDCostingReport-ExecutiveSummary.pdf>

² EDCOM 2. 20 November 2025. *5 million Filipino children with disabilities remain underserved - EDCOM 2 study*. <https://edcom2.gov.ph/5-million-filipino-children-with-disabilities-remain-underserved-edcom-2-study/#:~:text=The%20findings%20reveal%20a%20massive,tagged%20based%20on%20%E2%80%9Cmanifestations%E2%80%9D.>

While existing social protection programs like the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)* provide general poverty alleviation, it does not account for the specific, high-intensity costs of disability-related care. Establishing a permanent Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) monthly subsidy provides these parents a rights-based social pension that addresses their unique financial challenges. This is a deliberate investment in human capital and in the Filipino family, ensuring that parents are empowered with the financial foundation necessary to support their children in leading dignified and productive lives.

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



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE MONTHLY SUBSIDY FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN
WITH DISABILITY, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 “*Monthly Subsidy for Parents of Children with Disability Act*”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby the declared policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, attain a rising standard of living, and improve the quality of life for all. The State shall also provide priority to the needs of vulnerable sectors such as persons with disabilities. To this end, social protection measures such as the grant of monthly subsidy shall be extended to parents of children with disabilities.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

a. Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) refer to those suffering from restriction of different abilities, as a result of a mental, physical, or sensory impairment, to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being;

b. Children with Disability refer to persons below twenty-one (21) years of age with disability;

c. Parents of Children with Disability refer to biological parents of children with disability, including guardians of children with disability who are duly appointed by the courts in accordance with Republic Act (RA) No. 386, otherwise known as the “*Civil Code of the Philippines*”, and other pertinent laws;

d. Impairment refers to any loss, diminution or aberration of psychological, physiological, or anatomical structure of function;

e. Disability refers to:

1. a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more psychological, physiological or anatomical function of an individual or activities of such individual;

2. a record of such an impairment; or

3. being regarded as having such an impairment; and

f. Handicap refers to a disadvantage for a given individual resulting from an impairment or a disability, that limits or prevents the functions or activity that is considered normal given the age and sex of the individual.

SEC. 4. *Coverage.* – All parents of children with disabilities, as verified and certified by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), shall be covered by the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Subsidy for Parents of Children with Disability.* – The eligible parents of children with disability shall be entitled to a monthly subsidy from the DSWD amounting to Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) to aid in the expenditures incurred in the support and rearing of the child/children with disability, subject to existing government auditing rules and regulations: *Provided,* That the monthly subsidy shall automatically cease upon the attainment of the child/children with disability of the age of twenty-one (21) years old.

SEC. 6. *Database of Children with Disability.* – There shall be a database of all children with disabilities created by the NCDA, DSDWD, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), and National Privacy Commission (NPC), in coordination with local government units, through the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) which shall be updated annually.

Renewed efforts must be made to collect comprehensive, accurate, and updated information that can be disaggregated according to a wide range of variables as a basis for effective planning and implementation services, and monitoring and evaluation. The creation and management of this database shall adhere strictly to the standards set forth in RA No. 10173, otherwise known as the “Data Privacy Act of 2012”.

SEC. 7. *Policy on PWD Identification Cards.* – The issuance of PWD Identification Cards pursuant to RA No. 7277, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Disabled Persons”, as amended, along with other relevant administrative issuances and local ordinances, shall incorporate the information necessary for the granting of the monthly subsidy to eligible parents of children with disability. The issuance of an

authentic PWD Identification Card is a pre-requisite to qualify as a beneficiary under this Act.

SEC. 8. *Penal Provisions.* – The penalties shall apply to the following:

a. Any person found to be deliberately committing any fraudulent act of enrolling or misrepresenting himself or herself as a parent of children with disability under this Act shall suffer the following:

1. For the first violation, a fine of not less than Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (P25,000.00) but not exceeding Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00); and

2. For any subsequent violation, a fine of not less than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) but not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00).

b. Any person, whether natural or juridical, violating any provision of this Act and its IRR, except violations pertaining to Subsection a of this Section, shall be penalized with a fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) but not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00). If the violator is a corporation, organization, or any similar juridical entity, the officials directly involved and responsible shall be liable therefor.

SEC. 9. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter. An initial amount of Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000.00) shall be allocated for the first year of its implementation.

SEC. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within Sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DSWD, in consultation with the NCDA, DILG, Department of Health, PSA, NPC, and other relevant government agencies and non-government organizations, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 11. *Report to Congress.* – The DSWD and NCDA shall annually submit a report to Congress about the status of the implementation of this Act for the purpose of review and recommendation of additional measures necessary for the attainment of the objectives of this Act.

SEC. 12. *Supplementary Clause.* – The provisions of RA 7277, otherwise known as the “*Magna Carta for Disabled Persons*”, as amended by RA No. 10754 and RA No. 9442, have supplementary effect to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 13. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 14. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 15. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,