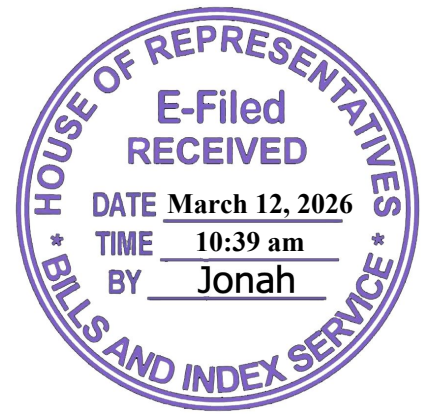


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House Bill No. **8480**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE RICARDO S. CRUZ, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Launched in 2008 and institutionalized under Republic Act No. 11310 in 2019, otherwise known as the “Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act,” the 4Ps serves as the government’s primary poverty alleviation and human capital development initiative. The Program grants conditional cash assistance to eligible low-income households for a period not exceeding seven (7) years, with the objective of enhancing beneficiaries’ access to essential health, nutrition, and educational services.

This program has significantly impacted 5,220,953 poor families in its 16 years of implementation¹ and has been one of the contributing factors to the decline of poverty in the Philippines. However, poverty remains one of the persistent and enduring challenges confronting the country. As noted in the Commission on Audit’s Performance Audit Report, approximately ninety percent (90%) of program beneficiaries continue to live below the established poverty threshold.²

The proposed measure seeks to amend Republic Act No. 11310 to strengthen and expand support mechanisms for adult beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) by promoting access to inclusive education, entrepreneurship, and employment opportunities. It recognizes the necessity of

¹ Department of Social Welfare and Development, *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Fourth Quarter Report 2021* (Philippines: Pantawid Pamilya, 2021), <https://pantawid.dswd.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/4Ps-Fourth-Quarter-Report-2021.pdf>

² Commission on Audit. (2022). *Follow-up on the performance audit on the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program* (PAO-2022-02). <https://www.coa.gov.ph/>

providing continuous avenues for adult members to pursue technical, vocational, and non-formal education, as well as to access livelihood and employment programs, thereby enabling them to attain sustainable sources of income and long-term economic self-sufficiency.

For these reasons, the swift passage of the foregoing measure is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT PROMOTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND
EMPLOYMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AMONG 4Ps ADULT
BENEFICIARIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11310,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM
(4Ps)”**

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended to read as
follows;

“SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. — The State shall promote a just and dynamic
social order thereby uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors from poverty
through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a
rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

“The State recognizes the need to foster social justice as provided for in
Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution, as follows;

“X x x

“(g) Improve maternal health; ~~and~~

“(h) Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all[.];

AND

“(I) PROMOTE EDUCATION AMONG ADULT BENEFICIARIES THROUGH ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM, ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING, AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.”

SEC. 2. Section 7 of the same Act is amended to read, as follows:

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

“X x x “

(c) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in senior high school shall not be lower than Seven hundred pesos (P700.00) per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year[.];

“(d) Health and nutrition grant shall not be lower than Seven hundred fifty pesos (P750.00) per month for a maximum of twelve (12) months per year[.];

AND

“(E) THE COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION GRANT, WHICH REFERS TO A CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER THAT IS USED TO FINANCE MEALS AND TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO THE AVAILMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION UNDER THIS ACT, MUST NOT BE LOWER THAN FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00) PER INSTANCE PER ADULT BENEFICIARY OF THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM.

“X x x”

SEC. 3. Section 11 of the same Act is amended to read, as follows:

“SEC. 11. Conditions for Entitlement. – All qualified household-beneficiaries shall comply with all of the following conditions as a requirement for continued program eligibility:

“X x x

“(e) Children five (5) to eighteen (18) years old must attend elementary or secondary classes at least eighty-five (85%) of their time; ~~and~~

“(f) At least one (1) responsible person must attend family development sessions conducted by the DSWD, at least once a month [.];

AND

[G] AT LEAST ONE (1) ADULT BENEFICIARY MUST JOIN AND COMPLETE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TRACKS OF ADULT EDUCATION:

“(1)NON-FORMAL EDUCATION THROUGH THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) TRACK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED). THE ALS TRACK REFERS TO A PARALLEL LEARNING SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE EXISTING FORMAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION AND ENCOMPASSES BOTH NON-FORMAL AND INFORMAL SOURCES OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS;

“(2) ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRACK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD). THIS REFERS TO INTERVENTIONS WHICH FOCUS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MICRO-ENTERPRISE THROUGH ENHANCEMENT OF SKILLS, PROVISION OF FINANCIAL CAPITAL AND BUILDING OR RE-BUILDING PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ASSETS, AND WHICH COVERS PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING, AND BASIC BUSINESS FINANCE; OR

“(3) EMPLOYMENT TRACK OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) OR THEIR ACCREDITED PRIVATE SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS. THIS REFERS TO PROGRAMS THROUGH WHICH LEARNERS AND WORKERS ARE PROVIDED WITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUIRE, UPGRADE, OR BOTH, THEIR ABILITY, KNOWLEDGE AND BEHAVIOR PATTERN REQUIRED AS QUALIFICATIONS FOR A JOB OR RANGE OF JOBS IN A GIVEN OCCUPATIONAL AREA.

“THE AVAILMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION SHALL COMMENCE ON THE SECOND YEAR OF ENROLLMENT IN THE 4PS. AS USED IN THIS ACT, ADULT EDUCATION REFERS TO INTERVENTIONS THAT IMPROVE TECHNICAL OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, FURTHER DEVELOP ABILITIES, ACQUIRE OR ENRICH KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES IN A NEW FIELD THROUGH ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM TRACK, ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRACK OR EMPLOYMENT TRACK.

SEC. 4. Section 13 of the same Act is amended to read, as follows:

“SEC. 13. ~~{Livelihood}~~ POST SKILLS TRAINING Interventions. – ~~{Qualified}~~ THE ADULT EDUCATION ~~{household}~~ beneficiaries shall be given priority in the availment of the modalities and interventions ~~{under DSWD’s Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) or other appropriate or similar programs offered by other government agencies or accredited private institutions.}~~ OF THE GOVERNMENT

PROGRAMS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THEIR SELECTED TRACK OF ADULT EDUCATION.

“(A) ADULT EDUCATION BENEFICIARIES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRACK SHALL BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE BY THE DTI TO ENSURE EASE OF ESTABLISHING A MICRO OR SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND THE LINK TO THE TARGET CLIENTELE OF THE 4PS ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

“(B) THE ADULT BENEFICIARIES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE EMPLOYMENT TRACK SHALL BE GIVEN JOB FACILITATION ASSISTANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

“(C) THE ADULT EDUCATION BENEFICIARIES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED NON-FORMAL EDUCATION USING THE ALS TRACK BY THE DEPED UNTIL THEY FINISH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SHALL BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE THEIR PURSUIT OF HIGHER LEARNING OR EMPLOYMENT

~~[The household beneficiary shall also be given priority in the availment of the employment facilitation services provided by the SLP or other employment programs of appropriate government agencies implementing the same.]~~

SEC. 5. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts hereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,