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Introduced by Hon. Charisse Anne C. Hernandez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Internship, practicum, and on-the-job training (OJT) programs are essential components of higher education and technical-vocational education. These programs provide students with practical experience, industry exposure, and opportunities to apply classroom learning in actual work environments. However, participation in internship programs often entails significant expenses on the part of students and their families, including transportation, meals, accommodation, uniforms, medical requirements, and documentary requirements. These costs place an additional burden on many Filipino students, particularly those from low-income households.

Despite rendering valuable services to host institutions and companies, most student interns receive little or no financial assistance during the course of their internship. Consequently, many students struggle to complete mandatory internship requirements necessary for graduation. Recognizing the important role of internship programs in developing a competent and globally competitive workforce, there is a need for government intervention to assist students in meeting the costs associated with their internship, practicum, or on-the-job training requirements.

This measure seeks to institutionalize the grant of a one-time internship allowance amounting to Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) to qualified students enrolled in public and private higher education institutions and technical-vocational institutions who successfully complete their required internship, practicum, or on-the-job training program. The proposed allowance shall help defray expenses incurred during internship and promote equal access to educational and employment opportunities.

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

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AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF INTERNSHIP ALLOWANCE FOR STUDENTS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 "Student Internship Allowance Act."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to promote accessible and quality education, support workforce readiness, and ensure that students are provided adequate assistance in completing academic and technical-vocational requirements necessary for graduation and future employment.

SEC. 3. Coverage. This Act shall cover all Filipino students who are required under their curriculum to complete an internship, practicum, clinical training, apprenticeship, or on-the-job training program and enrolled in:

- (a) Public and private Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED); and
- (b) Public and private Technical-Vocational Institutions (TVIs) registered with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

SEC. 4. Grant of Internship Allowance. Qualified students shall be entitled to a one-time Internship Allowance of Ten Thousand Pesos (₱10,000.00) upon successful completion of their required internship, practicum, clinical training, apprenticeship, or on-the-job training program.

SEC. 5. Qualifications. To qualify for the Internship Allowance, a student must:

- (a) Be a Filipino citizen;
- (b) Be enrolled in a duly recognized HEI or TVI;
- (c) Be required by the curriculum to undergo internship, practicum, apprenticeship, clinical training, or OJT;
- (d) Have successfully completed the required internship or training program; and
- (e) Submit documentary requirements as may be prescribed by CHED or TESDA.

SEC. 6. Administration. The Commission on Higher Education and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority shall jointly formulate guidelines for the implementation of this Act, including the verification of beneficiaries and release of funds.

SEC. 7. Non-Duplication of Benefits. Students receiving internship allowances, stipends, or financial assistance from host establishments, government agencies, or private organizations shall not be disqualified from receiving the benefits under this Act.

SEC. 8. Funding. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The Department of Budget and Management shall ensure adequate funding for the program.

SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, CHED and TESDA, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and other concerned agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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,