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EXPLANATORY NOTE

“He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given.” — Proverbs 19:17

The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) has become the country's flagship social protection program, providing conditional cash assistance to millions of poor Filipino households and contributing significantly to improvements in education, health, and poverty alleviation. Through Republic Act No. 11310, the State institutionalized 4Ps as a long-term commitment to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty and promote human capital development among the nation's most vulnerable families.

Despite its successes, the Philippine social protection system remains highly fragmented. Various forms of government assistance—including emergency aid, livelihood support, food subsidies, and crisis interventions—continue to operate through separate programs administered under differing guidelines and delivery mechanisms. While these interventions address legitimate needs, the absence of an integrated framework often results in duplication, administrative inefficiencies, inconsistent beneficiary targeting, and delays in the delivery of assistance. Moreover, economic shocks, inflation, public health emergencies, natural disasters, and other crises have demonstrated that vulnerability extends beyond traditional poverty classifications, affecting millions of Filipinos who require immediate and responsive government support.

This measure seeks to expand the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program by strengthening its social protection mandate and establishing Pantawid Pag-asa as an integrated and rationalized support program for individuals and families experiencing economic distress and crisis situations. The bill consolidates existing social amelioration programs of similar nature under a unified framework to promote more efficient service delivery, improve beneficiary targeting, and ensure timely assistance to those in need. It likewise institutionalizes a centralized social protection database, streamlines documentary requirements through digitalization and integration with the

Philippine Identification System, and strengthens transparency, grievance mechanisms, and monitoring systems.

The proposed amendments further provide for the periodic adjustment of cash grants based on inflation and poverty thresholds, prioritize food-poor households in program implementation, and strengthen the institutional capacity of the Department of Social Welfare and Development through dedicated crisis intervention offices nationwide. The measure also seeks to depoliticize the delivery of government assistance by expressly prohibiting political endorsement, manipulation, or exploitation of social amelioration programs, thereby ensuring that public funds are distributed solely on the basis of genuine need and not political patronage.

By expanding the scope of the 4Ps and integrating social protection interventions under a more coherent, transparent, and responsive framework, this bill aims to build a more resilient and inclusive social protection system capable of addressing both chronic poverty and emerging socioeconomic vulnerabilities. It affirms the State's commitment to ensuring that no Filipino is left behind in times of hardship while promoting long-term pathways toward economic security and self-sufficiency.

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


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AN ACT
EXPANDING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps),
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11310, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) ACT"

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the *"Expanded Pantawid*
2 *Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act."*

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4 **SEC. 2.** Sec. 2 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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6 "SEC. 2. Declaration of Policies. - The State shall promote a just and
7 dynamic social order thereby uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors
8 from poverty, **VULNERABILITY TO RISKS, AND CRISIS** through policies
9 that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising
10 standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

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12 (g) Improve maternal health; [and]

13 (h) Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all[-]; **AND**

14 **(I) PROMOTE SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESILIENCE AMONG**
15 **FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS."**

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17 **SEC. 3.** Sec. 3 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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19 "SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act, the following terms are
20 defined, as follows:

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24 **(A) ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS (AICS)**
25 **REFERS TO THE PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL**

1 WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) THAT PROVIDES
2 IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL OR MATERIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH
3 OUTRIGHT CASH OR GUARANTEE LETTER TO INDIVIDUALS OR
4 FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CRISES SUCH AS ILLNESS, DEATH,
5 DISPLACEMENT, CALAMITY, VIOLENCE, OR OTHER UNFORESEEN
6 CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING URGENT SUPPORT.
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8 ASSISTANCE MAY COVER BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO MEDICAL,
9 FOOD, EDUCATIONAL, TRANSPORTATION, BURIAL,
10 PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTION, OR OTHER EMERGENCY NEEDS;
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12 ~~[(a)]~~ (B) Authorized Government Depository Banks refer to banking
13 institutions accredited and managed by government which is also
14 categorized as government-owned and -controlled corporation GOCC or
15 government financial institution;

16 (C) AYUDA SA KAPOK ANG KITA PROGRAM (AKAP) REFERS
17 TO THE TARGETED SOCIAL ASSISTANCE THAT PROVIDES DIRECT
18 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS WHOSE INCOME IS
19 BELOW THE APPLICABLE MINIMUM WAGE RATE AND WHO ARE
20 AFFECTED BY THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION. THESE INCLUDE
21 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EMPLOYED IN THE FORMAL OR
22 INFORMAL SECTOR, OR SELF-EMPLOYED, WHOSE INCOME IS
23 BELOW THE APPLICABLE MINIMUM WAGE RATE.

24 ~~[(b)]~~ (D) Case Management refers to a process used by the
25 ~~[Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)]~~ to enable the
26 household-beneficiaries **OR INDIVIDUALS** to improve their functioning by
27 dealing with their difficulties specifically in complying with the terms of the
28 program;

29 ~~[(c)]~~ (E) Compliance Verification refers to the checking and
30 monitoring undertaken to ensure that the qualified household-
31 beneficiaries **OR INDIVIDUALS** comply with conditions for entitlement set
32 forth by the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) **AND ITS**
33 **EXPANDED PROGRAM**;

34 ~~[(d)]~~ (F) Conditional Cash Grant refers to the amount received by the
35 qualified household-beneficiaries **OR INDIVIDUALS** who comply with the
36 conditions for entitlement;

37 (G) FOOD PROVISION THROUGH STRATEGIC TRANSFER AND
38 ALTERNATIVE MEASURES PROGRAM (FOOD STAMP) REFERS TO
39 DSWD'S MONETARY-BASED ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF AN
40 ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (EBT) CARD THAT WILL BE
41 LOADED WITH FOOD CREDITS TO PURCHASE A SELECT LIST OF
42 FOOD COMMODITIES FROM PARTNER MERCHANT STORE/S. THIS
43 SEEKS TO DECREASE THE INCIDENCE OF INVOLUNTARY HUNGER
44 EXPERIENCED BY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND MAKE THEM
45 PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY.

46 ~~[(e)]~~ (H) Grantee refers to the most responsible adult member of the
47 qualified household-beneficiary authorized to receive the conditional cash
48 transfer **OR INDIVIDUAL IN NEED OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT**;

1 ~~{{f}}~~ **(I)** Grievance Redress System refers to the mechanism of the
2 DSWD which addresses and resolves issues and concerns related to the
3 implementation of the Program;

4 ~~{{e}}~~ **(J)** Health Facility refers to a barangay health station, rural
5 health unit, barangay health center, infirmary, or hospital;

6 ~~{{h}}~~ **(K)** Institutionalization refers to making the Pantawid Pamilyang
7 Pilipino Program (4Ps) **AND ITS EXPANDED PROGRAM** an added
8 function of the DSWD and [a] regular program**S** funded from its annual
9 appropriation;

10 ~~{{i}}~~ **(L)** Poor refers to households **OR INDIVIDUALS** whose income
11 falls below the poverty threshold as defined by the National Economic and
12 Development Authority (NEDA) and cannot afford in a sustained manner
13 to provide their minimum basic needs of food, health, education, housing,
14 and other essential amenities of life;

15 ~~{{G}}~~ **(M)** Preventive Health Check-up refers to health and nutrition
16 services comprising of complete immunization, deworming, growth and
17 development monitoring, management of childhood diseases,
18 malnutrition, and services for pregnant, lactating, and post-partum
19 women;

20 ~~{{k}}~~ **(N)** Qualified Household-Beneficiaries refer to households
21 identified by the DSWD for entitlement to the monthly conditional cash
22 grants as provided under Section 6 of this Act;

23 ~~{{t}}~~ **(O)** Responsible Person refers to the parent or guardian in the
24 qualified household-beneficiary;

25 ~~{{m}}~~ **(P)** Standardized Targeting System refers to a system for
26 **COLLECTING, PROCESSING, VALIDATING, AND GENERATING**
27 **DATA AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO SERVE AS THE BASIS IN**
28 **TARGETING HOUSEHOLDS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE PLANNING,**
29 **BUDGETING, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL PROTECTION**
30 **PROGRAMS;** ~~[identifying who and where the poor households are~~
31 ~~through the generation of socioeconomic database of poor households~~
32 ~~that is adopted by national government agencies and implemented by the~~
33 ~~DSWD; and]~~

34 ~~{{n}}~~ **(Q)** Sustainable Livelihood Program refers to the livelihood and
35 capability building program managed by the DSWD for the poor,
36 vulnerable and marginalized families, and individuals to help improve their
37 socioeconomic conditions. The one-time livelihood assistance is in the
38 form of microenterprise development (MD) and employment facilitation
39 (EF). The MD track provides microenterprise interventions to the poor or
40 savings generation while the EF track provides interventions that facilitate
41 employment.

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43 **(R) TULONG PANGHANAPBUHAY SA ATING DISADVANTAGED**
44 **WORKERS (TUPAD) REFERS TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED**
45 **EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
46 **LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE) THAT PROVIDES SAFETY NET**
47 **THROUGH TEMPORARY WAGE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT FOR A**
48 **PERIOD OF 10-90 DAYS TO VULNERABLE, MARGINALIZED AND**
49 **DISPLACED INDIVIDUALS.**

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2 **SEC. 4.** Section 10 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:
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5 "Sec. 10. Periodic Assessment. - xxx
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7 The amounts indicated in Section 7 of this Act shall be made available to
8 the qualified household-beneficiaries during the first three (3) years of the
9 implementation of this Act: Provided, That ~~[every six (6) years]~~
10 **ANNUALLY** after the effectivity of this Act, the PIDS shall recommend to
11 the NAC whether the cash grants shall be adjusted to its present value
12 using the consumer price index, as published by the PSA: Provided,
13 further, That the NAC shall ensure that the grant amounts are sufficient to
14 make a positive impact on the health, nutrition, and education of the
15 beneficiaries and are timely received and spent by the beneficiaries."
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18 **SEC. 5.** Section 11 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended to read as
19 follows:
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21 "SEC. 11. Conditions for Entitlement. - **ALL QUALIFIED**
22 **HOUSEHOLD-BENEFICIARIES CLASSIFIED AS FOOD POOR BASED**
23 **ON THE SUBSISTENCE THRESHOLD ISSUED BY THE PSA AT THE**
24 **TIME OF THE SELECTION SHALL BE PRIORITIZED IN THE**
25 **SELECTION PROCESS OF BENEFICIARIES.** All qualified household-
26 beneficiaries shall comply with all of the following conditions as a
27 requirement for continued program eligibility:
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30 **SEC. 6.** A new Section 13-A is hereby inserted to read as follows:
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32 **"SEC. 13-A. PANTAWID PAG-ASA. - THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA**
33 **IS A RATIONALIZED SUPPORT PROGRAM OF THE PANTAWID**
34 **PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) AIMED AT PROVIDING**
35 **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS,**
36 **REGARDLESS OF FORMAL POVERTY CLASSIFICATION, THOSE**
37 **WHO ARE EXPERIENCING ECONOMIC DISTRESS DUE TO A CRISIS**
38 **SITUATION, SUDDEN LOSS OF INCOME, OR DISRUPTION OF**
39 **NORMAL FUNCTIONING.**
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41 **THIS INCLUDES THOSE UNABLE TO MEET BASIC NEEDS OR**
42 **ESSENTIAL EXPENDITURES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,**
43 **FOOD, SHELTER, HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, OR UTILITIES-AS A**
44 **RESULT OF LOW INCOME, DISPLACEMENT, ILLNESS, CALAMITY,**
45 **OR OTHER FORMS OF SOCIOECONOMIC VULNERABILITY.**
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47 **ALL EXISTING SIMILAR SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAMS**
48 **OR "AYUDAS", SUCH AS AYUDA SA KAPOK ANG KITA PROGRAM**
49 **(AKAP) ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION (AICS)**
50 **PROGRAM, TULONG PANGHANAPBUHAY SA ATING**
DISADVANTAGED WORKERS (TUPAD) PROGRAM; FOOD STAMP
(STRATEGIC TRANSFER AND ALTERNATIVE MEASURES

PROGRAM), AND OTHER SIMILAR SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS SHALL BE CONSOLIDATED UNDER THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA."

SEC. 7. A new Section 13-B is hereby inserted to read as follows:

"SEC. 13-B. PANTAWID PAG-ASA COVERAGE. – A FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL DETERMINED TO BE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL, FOOD, EDUCATIONAL, TRANSPORTATION, FUNERAL, DISABILITY SUPPORT, PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE, AND SUCH OTHER IMMEDIATE MATERIAL NEED THAT THE DSWD MAY DEEM ESSENTIAL AND URGENT."

SEC. 8. A new Section 13-C is hereby inserted to read as follows:

"SEC. 13-C. PANTAWID PAG-ASA CASH ASSISTANCE TRANSFER. - THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (NAC) SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS AND ALLOWABLE FREQUENCY OF ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELEVANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND THE MODE OF CASH TRANSFER AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER SECTION 9 OF THIS ACT: PROVIDED, THAT THE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS SHALL BE FORMULATED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM), AND BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (PIDS), TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INFLATION, POVERTY THRESHOLDS, AND AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE APPROVED CASH ASSISTANCE SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN THOSE PROVIDED UNDER EXISTING LAWS AND GUIDELINES: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE CASH TRANSFER SHALL BE MADE WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF THE COMPLETE DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION THEREOF BY THE DSWD SOCIAL WORKER. NO PAYOUTS IN CASH IN OFFSITE VENUES NOR PAYOUTS IN GROUPS SHALL BE MADE."

SEC. 9. A new Section 13-D is hereby inserted to read as follows:

SEC. 13-D. PANTAWID PAG-ASA DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS AND SUBMISSION. - THE DSWD SHALL ISSUE A STANDARD LIST OF DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCESS ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA PROGRAM. THE PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION CARD (PHILID) SHALL BE USED AS THE PRIMARY MEANS OF ESTABLISHING THE IDENTITY OF THE APPLICANT: PROVIDED, THAT IF THE PHILID IS NOT AVAILABLE, ANY VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION MAY BE ACCEPTED: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES, SUCH AS

1 NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTERS WHERE THE APPLICANT
2 CANNOT PRESENT VALID IDENTIFICATION, THE DSWD SHALL
3 TAKE A PHOTO OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND PREPARE A REPORT
4 EXPLAINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND REASONS FOR THE
5 ABSENCE OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION. TO ENSURE PROPER
6 VERIFICATION AND RECORD INTEGRITY, THE CORRESPONDING
7 PHILSYS CARD NUMBER (PCN) SHALL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE
8 DSWD'S IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND BENEFICIARY DATABASE.
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10 THE PRESENTATION OF THE PHILID SHALL BE REQUIRED
11 WHEN APPLYING FOR ANY ADDITIONAL OR FUTURE ASSISTANCE
12 UNDER THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA PROGRAM.
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14 THE DSWD SHALL NOT REQUIRE DOCUMENTS THAT ARE
15 ALREADY IN ITS POSSESSION, WHETHER FROM PREVIOUS
16 APPLICATIONS OR FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S ENROLLMENT IN THE
17 4PS PROGRAM. INSTEAD, THE DSWD SHALL CROSS-CHECK
18 EXISTING RECORDS WITH ANY NEW SUBMISSIONS TO AVOID
19 DUPLICATION.
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21 TO MAKE THE APPLICATION PROCESS EASIER AND MORE
22 ACCESSIBLE, THE DSWD SHALL ESTABLISH A SIMPLE, DIGITAL,
23 AND ONLINE SYSTEM FOR APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER
24 THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA PROGRAM.
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26 **SEC. 10.** A new Section 13-E is hereby inserted to read as follows:
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28 "SEC. 13-E. SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL PROTECTION. -
29 PANTAWID PAG-ASA IS A BRIDGE PROGRAM TO ASSIST CRISIS-
30 AFFECTED FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS AND HELP DEVELOP
31 BASIC CAPACITIES TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS AND IMPROVE
32 ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. TOWARD THIS END, THE DSWD IS
33 MANDATED TO BUILD CAPACITY AND ADAPTABILITY AND
34 EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS
35 EXPERIENCING ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY AND HARDSHIP. FOR
36 THIS PURPOSE, PANTAWID PAG-ASA BENEFICIARIES SHALL
37 ALSO BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN THE AVAILMENT OF LIVELIHOOD
38 INTERVENTIONS AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 13 OF THIS ACT."
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40 **SEC. 11.** A new Section 14-A is hereby inserted to read as follows:
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42 "SEC. 14-A. SOCIAL PROTECTION DATABASE. - THE DSWD
43 SHALL MAINTAIN A CENTRALIZED DATABASE OF ALL SOCIAL
44 PROTECTION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING 4PS AND ITS PANTAWID
45 PAG-ASA SUPPORT PROGRAM, AND THE BENEFICIARIES. THE
46 PCN OF THE INDIVIDUAL BENEFICIARIES SHALL BE USED AS THE
47 REFERENCE NUMBER IN THE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND
48 DATABASE. SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE DATA
49 PRIVACY ACT OF 2012, THE DSWD SHALL INSTITUTIONALIZE A
50 MECHANISM FOR REAL-TIME DATA SHARING WITH OTHER

1 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 HEALTH (DOH), DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED),
3 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA), DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
4 AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
5 (CHED), TECHNICAL AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
6 (TESDA), AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) TO IDENTIFY
7 ASSISTANCE NEEDED, ADDRESS GAPS, DETERMINE THE
8 FUNDING REQUIREMENT, AND PREVENT POSSIBLE ABUSE AND
9 FRAUD."

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11 **SEC. 12.** A new Section 14-B is hereby inserted to read as follows:
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13 "SEC. 14-B. INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT. - TO ENSURE
14 EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES, THERE
15 SHALL EXIST A CRISIS INTERVENTION OFFICE (CIO) AT THE
16 CENTRAL OFFICE, CRISIS INTERVENTION DIVISIONS AT THE FIELD
17 OFFICES, AND CRISIS INTERVENTION UNITS AT THE SOCIAL
18 WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT SATELLITE OFFICES OF THE
19 DSWD THAT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAM IS PROPERLY
20 IMPLEMENTED, MONITORED, AND EVALUATED NATIONWIDE. THE
21 SECRETARY THE DSWD, IN COORDINATION WITH THE CIO
22 DIRECTOR AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE AND REGIONAL OFFICES,
23 SHALL DETERMINE THE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS REQUIRED FOR
24 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH
25 THE REVISED COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION
26 SYSTEM SUBJECT TO THE EVALUATION AND APPROVAL OF THE
27 DBM AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS, RULES
28 AND REGULATIONS, AND OTHER PERTINENT LAWS."
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30 **SEC. 13.** A new Section 14-C is hereby inserted to read as follows:
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32 "SEC. 14-C. GRIEVANCE MECHANISM. - A GENDER-SENSITIVE
33 AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES-RESPONSIVE GRIEVANCE REDRESS
34 SYSTEM (GRS) SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE NATIONAL,
35 REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, AND CLUSTER LEVELS AS A
36 MECHANISM TO ADDRESS GRIEVANCES RELATIVE TO THE
37 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, ESSENTIALLY ENSURING
38 THAT ITS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE ACHIEVED. THE SYSTEM
39 SHALL BE A VENUE WHERE BOTH THE QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLD-
40 BENEFICIARIES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC CAN REPORT THEIR
41 GRIEVANCES FOR RESOLUTIONS. THE GRS IS A GUIDE FOR
42 PROGRAM STAFF ON HANDLING AND RESOLVING GRIEVANCES
43 THAT INVARIABLY EMERGE IN THE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.
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45 THE PERIOD FOR RESOLVING GRIEVANCES SHALL BE
46 BASED ON THE EXISTING GUIDELINES OF THE DSWD 4PS GRS. IN
47 CASE OF DOUBT, IT SHALL BE RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF THE
48 QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLD-BENEFICIARY.
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1 THE GRIEVANCE RESOLUTION STANDARDS AND
2 INDICATORS OUTLINED IN PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO
3 PROGRAM NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (NAC) RESOLUTION
4 NO. 4, SERIES OF 2020, AND IN ANY SUBSEQUENT ISSUANCES,
5 SHALL BE OBSERVED. TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE AND
6 EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRS, THE DSWD SHALL:

7 (A) DEVELOP A GRS SUB-OPERATIONS MANUAL TO BE
8 APPROVED BY THE CIO DIRECTOR. THE MANUAL SHOULD
9 SPECIFY THE PROCESSES AND STEPS, INCLUDING THE TIMELINE
10 OF GRIEVANCE HANDLING;

11 (B) CAPACITATE GRIEVANCE OFFICERS, STAFF,
12 BENEFICIARIES, AND PARTNER AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS TO
13 EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT THE GRS;

14 (C) MAINTAIN AND CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE DATA
15 MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING VALIDATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
16 DATA TO PREVENT DATA ISSUES SUCH AS MISSING DATA, NON-
17 STANDARDIZED AND INVALID ENTRIES;

18 (D) PERFORM REGULAR DATA QUALITY CHECK AND USE
19 OFF-THE-SHELF CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT
20 SYSTEMS (CRMS) TO MANAGE GRIEVANCE DATA;

21 (E) ENSURE THAT ALL BENEFICIARIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE
22 THAT ARE RECENTLY REGISTERED, ARE INFORMED OF THE KEY
23 GRS PROCEDURES, AND ARE REGULARLY PROVIDED WITH
24 INFORMATION AND UPDATES THROUGH VARIOUS FORA AND
25 PLATFORMS, BOTH PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL;

26 AND

27 (F) PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE CLIENT
28 SATISFACTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 4PS."

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30 **SEC. 14.** A new Section 14-D is hereby inserted to read as follows:

31 "SEC 14-D. CONSOLIDATION AND FUNDING OF AYUDA
32 PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS. - CONSISTENT WITH THE MANDATE
33 OF THE DSWD TO PROVIDE AN INTEGRATED WELFARE PACKAGE
34 THAT CONSTITUTES STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS LEADING TO
35 LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENT OF THE LIVES OF TARGET
36 BENEFICIARIES, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS CONCERNING
37 SOCIAL AMELIORATION OR OF SIMILAR NATURE AND PURPOSE
38 TO "AYUDA" THAT ARE HEREAFTER ESTABLISHED SHALL BE
39 CONSOLIDATED, FUNDED, AND IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE
40 PANTAWID PAG-ASA PROGRAM: PROVIDED, THAT ALL AYUDA
41 PROJECTS SHALL STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE APPLICABLE
42 GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE NAC. TO
43 ENSURE A SMOOTH AND ORDERLY TRANSITION IN THE
44 CONSOLIDATION OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS UNDER THE
45 PANTAWID PAG-ASA, THE DSWD, IN COORDINATION WITH THE
46 DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES AFFECTED, SHALL FORMULATE A
47 TRANSITION PLAN WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE
48 EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT. THE PLAN SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE
49 PHASED TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AS WELL AS THE PROGRAM
50 COMPONENTS. PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT ASSISTANCE TO

1 **EXISTING BENEFICIARIES SHALL CONTINUE WITHOUT**
2 **INTERRUPTION, SUBJECT TO UNIFIED GUIDELINES TO BE ISSUED**
3 **BY THE NAC."**

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5 **SEC. 15.** Sec. 17 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended to read
6 as follows:

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8 "SEC. 17. Regular Monitoring. - The DSWD shall **PERIODICALLY**
9 monitor the implementation of the program and report its status [~~at least~~
10 ~~once every three (3) years~~] **ANNUALLY** in order to ensure the attainment
11 of the goals [~~enumerated in Section 2 of~~] **OF THE 4Ps AND THE**
12 **PANTAWID PAG-ASA UNDER** this Act to the House of Representatives
13 and the Senate of the Philippines."

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15 **SEC. 16.** Sec. 18 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended and
16 renumbered as Section 27 to read as follows:

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18 "SEC. [18] **28.** Report of the Program. - The DSWD shall annually
19 publish a full report of the **4Ps AND THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA** covering
20 the implementation of the previous fiscal year. The said report shall
21 include financial disclosures, number of households included in the 4Ps,
22 **NUMBER OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED UNDER THE**
23 **PANTAWID PAG-ASA**, and recommendations to the Advisory Council,
24 the President and to both chambers of Congress on how to further
25 enhance it. This report shall be submitted to Congress before the
26 submission of the President's Budget Message."

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29 **SEC. 17.** Sec. 20 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended to read as
30 follows:

31 "SEC.20. Program Transparency. [~~The~~] **NOTWITHSTANDING THE**
32 **PROVISIONS OF THE DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2012, THE DSWD** shall
33 regularly and timely post and update on its website a report of financial
34 disclosures and information about beneficiaries based on geographical
35 area, social, economic, and cultural circumstances. **THE SECRETARY**
36 **OF THE DSWD SHALL BE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE**
37 **REGULAR POSTING AND UPDATING OF THE REPORT ON ITS**
38 **WEBSITE."**

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40 **SEC. 18.** Sec. 21 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended to read as
41 follows:

42 "SEC. 21. Joint Congressional Oversight Committee. - Upon the
43 effectivity of this Act, a Congressional Oversight Committee, hereafter
44 referred to as the **4Ps AND PANTAWID PAG-ASA** Oversight Committee,
45 is hereby constituted. This Committee shall set the overall framework to
46 review the implementation of this Act. It shall likewise determine inherent
47 weaknesses in the law and recommend necessary remedial legislation or
48 executive measures. The **4Ps AND PANTAWID PAG-ASA** Oversight
49 Committee shall be composed of fourteen (14) members with the
50 chairpersons of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation of the House of

Representatives, and the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development of the Senate as Co-Chairpersons; and six (6) members from each House, to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Senate President, respectively.

For purposes of determining remedial legislation, the 4Ps **AND PANTAWID PAG-ASA** Oversight Committee shall, ~~[within]~~ **EVERY** three (3) years after the effectivity of this Act, conduct a ~~[sunset]~~ review which shall include a systematic evaluation of the impact of this Act, accomplishments of the program, and the performance of its implementing agencies."

SEC. 19. Sec. 24 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 24. Penalties. - Any person, whether or not acting in conspiracy with public officials, who, by act or omission, inserts or allows the insertion of data or false information, or who diverts from what ought to be contained in the registry, with the view of altering the fact, or aiding in the grant of the money to persons other than the qualified **INDIVIDUALS OR** household-beneficiaries, shall be penalized with imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than one (1) year, or a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) but not more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) or both imprisonment and fine, at the discretion of the court. A public official who commits any of the acts provided herein shall be penalized with temporary disqualification to hold public office [;], **EXCEPT WHEN THE ACT FALLS UNDER SECTION 24-A OF THIS ACT, IN WHICH CASE PERPETUAL ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION SHALL APPLY.** Administrative sanctions shall be imposed without prejudice to prosecution in the proper courts."

SEC. 20. A new Section 24-A is hereby inserted to read as follows:

"SEC. 24-A. PROHIBITION AGAINST POLITICAL EXPLOITATION AND MANIPULATION. - THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THE PANTAWID PAG-ASA PROGRAM SHALL BE DETERMINED BASED ON THE GENUINE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY SEEKING SUPPORT. NO PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE SHALL INFLUENCE OR REPRESENT THEMSELVES AS HAVING INFLUENCE OVER ANY PART OF THE PROGRAM'S IMPLEMENTATION.

IN LIKE MANNER, NO PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE SHALL ENDORSE, IN WHATEVER FORM, ANY INDIVIDUAL TO BE INCLUDED OR EXCLUDED FROM THE PROGRAM. EXCEPT FOR AUTHORIZED DSWD PERSONNEL, NO OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSFER OF CASH ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS NOR ISSUE GUARANTEE LETTERS. THE DSWD SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IS EXPLICITLY IDENTIFIED AS SOURCED FROM TAXPAYERS' MONEY, REGARDLESS OF THE MODE OF TRANSFER.

1 NO PUBLIC OFFICIAL SHALL CLAIM THAT FUNDS WERE
2 PROVIDED BY HIM/HER OR APPROPRIATED THROUGH HIS/HER
3 EFFORTS. ANY PERSON WHO SHALL VIOLATE THIS PROVISION
4 SHALL SUFFER THE PENALTY OF PERPETUAL ABSOLUTE
5 DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE."
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7 **SEC. 21. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
8 this Act shall be charged against those authorized in the current and subsequent
9 General Appropriations Act.
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11 **SEC. 22. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The rules and regulations
12 necessary for the effective and efficient enforcement of the provisions of this Act shall
13 be formulated by the DSWD, in consultation with relevant government agencies, LUs,
14 the private sector, and other stakeholders, and shall be implemented within ninety (90)
15 days from the effectivity of this Act.

16 Unjustified or willful failure or refusal of the concerned government agencies to
17 promulgate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) within the specified period
18 shall subject the heads of these government agencies to administrative penalties
19 under applicable civil service laws.

20 Should the IRR contain provisions that are contrary to this Act, the heads of the
21 government agencies responsible for such provision, when done in bad faith or with
22 gross negligence, shall be held administratively liable.
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24 **SEC. 23. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
25 unconstitutional, the remainder hereof or any provisions not affected thereby shall
26 remain in force and effect.
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28 **SEC. 24. Repealing Clause.** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
29 executive order, letter of instruction, rule, or regulation inconsistent with the provisions
30 of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

31 **SEC. 25. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
32 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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34 *Approved,*