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Introduced by Representative Marcelino "Marcy" R. Teodoro

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant scholarship grants to all qualified public school teachers for the advancement of their profession, and to their children for their growth and development.

Our public school teachers remain among the most undervalued yet indispensable pillars of nation-building. It is through their patience and dedication that generations of Filipinos, including many of my own constituents in Marikina, have been equipped to think critically, adapt to change, and contribute meaningfully to our society.

During my years as Mayor of Marikina, I saw firsthand how our teachers labored to advance their own credentials — often pursuing further studies at their own expense and against real financial constraints — while still prioritizing the education of their own children ahead of their own advancement. It is time that the State shoulder more of this burden, so that our educators need not choose between their own growth and that of their families.

This measure was first filed in the 19th Congress. I am seeking to revive it because our educators deserve nothing less than our full and sustained support.

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

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AN ACT
GRANTING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO ALL QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEACHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN, AND APPROPRIATING 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 "Public School Teachers Scholarship Grant Act."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to recognize the role of educators in nation-building as they are given the responsibility and role to rear our children for the development of the country, by giving priority to education to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

SEC. 3. Scholarship Grant to Qualified Public School Teachers. All qualified public school teachers in all levels shall be granted a scholarship to any of the masters and doctorate courses offered in any State Universities and Colleges accredited by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED):

Provided, That the qualified public school teacher has been in active service for at least three (3) years prior to the date of application, must have no pending administrative or criminal case/s, and must obtain at least a Very Satisfactory performance rating for two (2) consecutive periods preceding the application;

Provided further, That the public school teacher must continue his service in the public education system until his graduation from his chosen course.

SEC. 4. Scholarship Grant to the Children of Public School Teachers. All qualified public school teachers may apply their children for a scholarship grant to the Department of Education (DepEd) for pre-school, elementary and secondary education in public schools within their city or municipality, or a scholarship grant to the Commission on Higher Education for tertiary education in any of the State Universities and Colleges nationwide:

Provided, that the applying public school teacher has been in active service for at least three (3) years prior to the date of application.

SEC. 5. Scholarship Grant to the Children of Retired Public School Teachers. Retired public school teachers may likewise apply their children for a scholarship grant to the Department of Education (DepEd) for pre-school, elementary and secondary education in public schools within their city or municipality, or a scholarship grant to the Commission on Higher Education for tertiary education in any of the State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) nationwide:

Provided, That the scholarship grant may only be awarded to the legitimate, legitimated or legally adopted children of the retired public school teacher;

Provided further, That only 50% of the scholarship grant may only be awarded to the beneficiary.

SEC. 6. Limitation of the Scholarship Grant. Beneficiaries of the scholarship grant must maintain the academic requirements of the public school or the SUCs they are enrolled in, professionalism, and good conduct to continuously avail of the grant. However, if the beneficiary is reported by their schools/colleges/universities to have committed acts of professional misconduct, the scholarship grant shall be automatically forfeited.

SEC. 7. Additional Financial Assistance to the Beneficiaries. Beneficiaries will be given an allowance of Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) in the form of a stipend to be awarded by DepEd or CHED to cover the following school-related expenses:

- a. Academic books prescribed for their chosen degrees/courses;
- b. Uniforms;
- c. School supplies, which shall include, but not be limited to, writing materials, writing paper, notebooks, folder, calculator, and binder, among others;
- d. Other materials necessary for educational purposes.

SEC. 8. Implementing Agencies. The DepEd and CHED shall lead in the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 9. Appropriations. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the budgets of DepEd and CHED under their current General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in their annual GAA.

SEC. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations. DepEd and CHED, in consultation with other government agencies, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. All provisions of existing laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. Separability Clause. If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions not affected thereby.

SEC. 13. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,