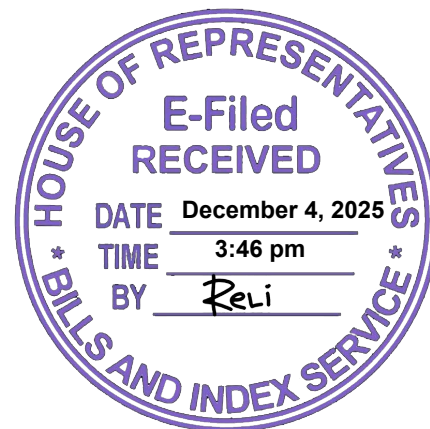


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **34**

Submitted by the Committees on Social Services and Appropriations on **December 4, 2025**

Re : House Bill No. **6636**

Recommending its approval, in substitution of House Bills Numbered 846, 1425, 1514, 1864, 2185, 2393, 2457, 2505, 2757, 2848, 2864, 2963, 3301, 3787, 4513, 4913, 5080, 5186, 5252, 5652, 5792, 5892, and 6072

Sponsors : Representatives Cheeno Miguel D. Almario, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay, and Atty. Miro S. Quimbo

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Social Services and Appropriations to which were referred, House Bill No. 846, introduced by Representative Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION (AICS), PROVIDING SAFEGUARDS AGAINST ABUSE, IMPOSING COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS FOR BENEFICIARIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 1425, introduced by Representative Atty. Miro S. Quimbo, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION (AICS) PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 1514, introduced by Representatives Eric Go Yap and Edvic G. Yap, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CERTAIN UNLAWFUL ACTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 1864, introduced by Representative Rosemarie Conejos Panotes, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION (AICS), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 2185, introduced by Representative Robert Nazal, entitled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AID TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES SEEKING MEDICAL, FUNERAL, FOOD, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE, PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES, INSTITUTIONALIZING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION (AICS) PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

House Bill No. 2393, introduced by Representatives Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte, Vincenzo Renato Luigi R. Villafuerte, Tsuyoshi Anthony "Hori" G. Horibata, and Terry L. Ridon, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS (AICS) PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CERTAIN UNLAWFUL ACTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 2457, introduced by Representatives Dante S. Garcia and Kenneth Paolo C. Tereng, entitled:

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House Bill No. 2505, introduced by Representative Ramil Laurel Hernandez, entitled:

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House Bill No. 2757, introduced by Representative Julius Cesar "Jay" V. Vergara, entitled:

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DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CERTAIN UNLAWFUL ACTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 2848, introduced by Representative Dale B. Corvera, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CERTAIN UNLAWFUL ACTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 2864, introduced by Representative Wowo Fortes, entitled:

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House Bill No. 2963, introduced by Representatives Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre, entitled:

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House Bill No. 3301, introduced by Representative Jason P. Almonte, entitled:

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House Bill No. 3787, introduced by Representatives Stephen James T. Tan and Reynolds Michael T. Tan, entitled:

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House Bill No. 4513, introduced by Representative Jernie Jett V. Nisay, entitled:

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House Bill No. 4913, introduced by Representative Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan, entitled:

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House Bill No. 5080, introduced by Representative Eric L. Olivarez, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CERTAIN UNLAWFUL ACTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 5186, introduced by Representatives Ralph Wendel P. Tulfo and Jocelyn P. Tulfo, entitled:

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House Bill No. 5252, introduced by Representative Eduardo R. Rama, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS (AICS), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 5652, introduced by Representative Iris Marie Demesa Montes, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION (AICS) PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 5792, introduced by Representatives Lani Mercado-Revilla and Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION (AICS), PROVIDING SAFEGUARDS

AGAINST ABUSE, IMPOSING COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS FOR BENEFICIARIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

House Bill No. 5892, introduced by Representative Salvador A. Pleyto, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION (AICS) PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), PROVIDING FOR ITS PERMANENT FUNDING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

and House Bill No. 6072, introduced by Representative Cheeno Miguel D. Almario, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CERTAIN UNLAWFUL ACTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **6636**, entitled:

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

3 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Assistance to Individuals*
4 *in Crisis Situations (AICS) Act.*”

5 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to promote a just and
6 dynamic social order alleviating the plight of the poor through policies that provide adequate

1 social services and raise the standard of living for the improved quality of life for all. To this
2 end, the State shall provide assistance through projects, programs and services geared towards
3 alleviating poverty and improving the quality of life of every Filipino, especially the
4 marginalized sector, and disadvantaged individuals and families.

5 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act:
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7 *a. Assistive technology* refers to “assistive products” whose primary purpose is to
8 increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of persons with
9 disabilities, to enhance overall well-being and help prevent impairments and
10 secondary health conditions. These include wheelchairs, prostheses, hearing aids,
11 visual aids, and specialized computer software and hardware, or any advancement
12 in technologies that increase mobility, hearing, vision, or communication
13 capacities;

14 *b. Case management* refers to a process of assessing, planning, managing,
15 coordinating and advocating for services and other interventions used by the
16 Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to improve the capability
17 of qualified beneficiaries in addressing their needs;
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19 *c. Cash relief assistance* refers to an outright cash provided to individuals and families
20 that are currently in extremely difficult circumstances including victims of
21 calamities/disasters, crimes, violence against women and their children, trafficking,
22 repatriated overseas Filipino workers and other similar circumstances.
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24 *d. Crisis situation* refers to a condition of an individual in a stressful situation that
25 impairs psychosocial functioning or participation in socio - economic activities,
26 including access to education, work, and health care, that requires series of
27 interventions to prevent further exposure to vulnerabilities, exploitation or abuse;

28 *e. Disability support assistance* refers to the monetary support to cover the purchase
29 of assistive products, technologies, provision of sign language interpreter, personal
30 assistant, maintenance medicines and hygiene needs, life support equipment, and
31 other needs of persons with disabilities;

32 *f. Educational assistance* refers to financial assistance extended to all students to help
33 defray school expenses and/or cost of sending students/children to school such as
34 school fees augmentation, supplies, projects, allowance and other related expenses
35 and to eradicate barriers to quality education, including those barriers faced by
36 persons on account of their disabilities;

37 *g. Financial assistance* refers to monetary support in the form of outright cash,
38 electronic fund transfer, guarantee letter, coupon, check or voucher that has
39 monetary value, including funeral assistance, transportation assistance, medical
40 assistance, educational assistance, training assistance, food assistance, cash relief

- 1 assistance, and all other types of cash assistance that may be provided under the
2 Program;
- 3 *h. Food assistance* refers to assistance to those in need due to human-induced and
4 natural calamities and those experiencing other forms of crisis or displacement,
5 eviction, demolitions or requiring interventions for sector-specific support which
6 include hot meals, food or meal allowance, or the cash equivalent of the required
7 hot meals and/or food packs;
- 8 *i. Funeral assistance* refers to assistance to help defray funeral and related expenses
9 such as transfer of cadaver, burial site, and other related expenses incurred by the
10 family of the deceased, with consideration to context, cultural, and religious
11 backgrounds;
- 12 *j. Guarantee letter* refers to a document duly approved and issued by the DSWD,
13 which ensures the payment of the amount appearing on the document, that the
14 beneficiary presents to any public or government owned or controlled hospitals or
15 other entities and to any similar private entity that is willing to provide services;
- 16 *k. Material and other in-kind assistance* refers to an assistance given to individuals in
17 crisis by providing them food and non-food items, non-financial, and the likes, and
18 may also include other professional assistance available in the DSWD, such as
19 psycho-social support and legal consultation;
- 20 *l. Medical assistance* refers to the coverage of out-of-pocket medical expense through
21 the issuance of coupon, stub, guarantee letter, promissory note or voucher that has
22 monetary value, given directly to recipients or beneficiaries to pay for
23 hospitalization expenses, other medical treatments or procedures, and which
24 include birthing procedure, as well as professional fees and consultation fees,
25 purchase of drugs, medicines, goods or other services prescribed by the physician
26 of a health facility for in- and out-patients;
- 27 *m. Persons with disabilities* refer to those who have long-term physical, mental,
28 intellectual or sensory impairments that hinder their full and effective participation
29 in society on an equal basis with others, including cancer patients and persons living
30 with cancer and cancer survivors under Republic Act No. 11215, otherwise known
31 as the “*National Integrated Cancer Control Act*” and persons with rare disease
32 under Republic Act No. 10747, otherwise known as the “*Rare Diseases Act of the*
33 *Philippines*”;
- 34 *n. Target beneficiaries* refer to individuals or families who are indigent, financially
35 incapacitated, stateless persons, repatriates, deportees, transients, vulnerable,
36 disadvantaged, or internally displaced persons or in crisis situations based on the
37 assessment of the social workers of the DSWD; and
- 38 *o. Transportation assistance* refers to the monetary support to cover the actual cost
39 incurred on land, sea, and air travel, including travel insurance and such other
40 related expenses as facilitated by the social workers of the DSWD.

1 **SEC. 4. Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS).** – To effectively respond
2 to the individuals in crisis situation, each qualified target beneficiary shall receive financial,
3 medical, transportation, food, material assistance, and other assistance, to include disability
4 support services including other professional assistance available in the DSWD, such as
5 psychosocial support or intervention for dysfunctional families and their children who need
6 trauma care and management, and legal consultation, based on the assessment of the social
7 workers of the DSWD.

8 **SEC. 5. Types of Assistance.** – The following are the types of assistance that the target
9 beneficiaries may receive under Section 4 based on the assessment and recommendation of the
10 social workers, authorized personnel, or any other personnel authorized by the DSWD, duly
11 approved by their authorized officials:

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- 13 a) Financial assistance – as defined in Section 3, paragraph (g);
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 - 15 b) Material assistance- a service providing food and non-food items to clients who
16 need immediate material support, such as food packs or vouchers, hygiene or
17 sleeping kits and assistive devices and technologies, subject to its availability;
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 - 19 c) Psychosocial support service – a service provided by trained or professional
20 psychosocial support workers to help meet the psychological, emotional, and social
21 needs of beneficiaries and their families. It is a set of interventions that intends to
22 positively improve a person’s behavior to reduce the impact of stress brought about
23 by a crisis through behavioral modification interventions;
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 - 25 d) Referral service – a service provided when the requested support is not within the
26 range of services of the Program through coordination and/or endorsement of the
27 beneficiary’s case within the DSWD’s available programs, projects and services
28 and to other agencies such as to the Department of Education, Commission on
29 Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority,
30 Department of Health (DOH), Public Attorney’s Office, Philippine Charity
31 Sweepstakes Office, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation, local
32 government units (LGUs) and other government agencies, civil society
33 organizations, and international/non-government organizations; and
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 - 35 e) Such other services that the DSWD may deem appropriate.

36 In order to fully meet the medical needs of individuals in crisis situations, particularly
37 persons with disabilities or people with special needs. The DOH may provide the initial costing
38 per type of disability for the effective assessment of social workers of the DSWD.

39 Appropriate documentation as provided for in the DSWD AICS Guidelines shall
40 support all disbursements of funds. The DSWD may provide additional assistance or
41 discontinue existing ones as it may deem appropriate.

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43 **SEC. 6. Modes of Delivery of Services.** – The DSWD shall adopt different modes in
44 order to deliver efficiently, expeditiously and effectively the financial or material assistance,

1 psychosocial support, and referral service to the clients and communities needing assistance
2 from the government such as the following:

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- 4 a) Service delivery within the Central or Field Offices;
- 5 b) Setting up of an off-site or satellite venues; and
- 6 c) Extension office of the DSWD for the Program.
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8 *Provided*, that the DSWD shall procure and/or construct a secure office system,
9 information and communication technology equipment, and all necessary capital outlay
10 expenditures such as vehicles, and vaults, among others, needed to efficiently and effectively
11 implement the Program.

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13 *Provided, further*, that the DSWD may also establish an automated system for
14 processing and releasing the requested assistance. For this purpose, the appropriations needed
15 for the payment of the necessary cash-out fees or other service fees charged by partner financial
16 institutions shall form part of the DSWD annual budget under the General Appropriations Act.

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18 **SEC. 7. *Integrated Program Delivery System.*** - To improve the delivery of service to
19 the eligible beneficiaries under the Program, there shall be an established an Integrated
20 Program Delivery System.

21 In keeping with the principle of equitable access, and ensuring that access to the AICS
22 is maximized, a mechanism for real-time data sharing between the DSWD and the LGUs shall
23 be institutionalized, subject to the statutory limitations under the Data Privacy Act of 2012.
24 Under this mechanism, concerned agencies such as the Philippine Statistics Authority, DOH-
25 Malasakit Centers, and LGUs may share information from a centralized database in order to
26 identify the assistance given to the Program's eligible beneficiary, for purposes of assistance
27 augmentation and to prevent a possible abuse of the assistance given to those in crisis
28 situations.

29 **SEC. 8. *Crisis Intervention Office/Division/Unit.***- To ensure effective and efficient
30 delivery of services to the clients, a Crisis Intervention Office (CIO) at the Central Office,
31 Crisis Intervention Divisions at the field offices, and Crisis Intervention Units at the Social
32 Welfare and Development satellite offices of the DSWD, may be established, subject to the
33 review and approval of the Department of Budget and Management, in compliance with civil
34 service and other pertinent laws, rules, and regulations. The CIO, Crisis Intervention Division
35 and Unit shall ensure that the Program, as enterprise information system, provided herein, is
36 properly implemented, monitored, and evaluated nationwide. The office shall monitor and
37 evaluate the implementation of AICS Program and prepare the monitoring and evaluation
38 report for submission to the Secretary of the DSWD. The monitoring and evaluation report
39 must be available and accessible to any stakeholder at the national, regional, and local levels.

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41 **SEC. 9. *Personnel Complement.*** – The Secretary of the DSWD, in coordination
42 with the CIO Director at the Central Office and Regional Offices, shall determine the additional
43 positions required for the implementation of the program in accordance with the revised
44 compensation and position classification system subject to the evaluation and approval of the
45 Department of Budget and Management and in compliance with the civil service laws, rules
46 and regulations, and other pertinent laws.

1 **SEC. 10. *Program Monitoring and Evaluation.***- The DSWD shall conduct
2 monitoring and evaluation to assess the responsiveness of the Program through the use of
3 applicable indicators, frameworks, models, and tools, including a client/stakeholder’s feedback
4 mechanism, among others, and the establishment of standard reporting templates and
5 procedures in consonance to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
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7 **SEC. 11. *Program Transparency and Reporting.***- The DSWD shall annually
8 publish a full report of the Program covering the implementation of the previous fiscal year
9 and/or timely post and update periodically on the DSWD website a report of financial
10 disclosures and information about beneficiaries based on geographical area and sectoral
11 category subject to the provisions of Republic Act No. 10173, or the “Data Privacy Act of
12 2012.”

13 **SEC. 12. *Unlawful Acts.* –**

- 14 a) It shall be unlawful for the officials or employees of LGUs, their agents, representatives
15 or relatives within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity to interfere, in
16 any manner, in the implementation or delivery of AICS services or funds to qualified
17 beneficiaries;
18 b) Likewise, it shall be unlawful for any individual or organization to commit the
19 following acts:
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21 i. Defraud the government by issuing or presenting falsified or misleading
22 documents, or using false pretenses or other fraudulent acts to acquire the
23 assistance provided under this Act;
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25 ii. Coerce, invite, encourage or assist persons to seek assistance from the DSWD
26 for purposes of acquiring from the beneficiary a portion of the assistance, before
27 or after the receipt of assistance;
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29 iii. Mislead an individual or group to join, pay or cooperate with a group falsely
30 representing connection or affiliation with DSWD or falsely promising priority
31 in the processing of assistance.
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33 **SEC. 13. *Penalties.***-

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35 a) Any of the specified person who committed the unlawful act under Section 12
36 (a) of this Act shall be punished by imprisonment of six (6) months. If the offender is
37 an official or employee of a LGU, the official or employee shall also be held
38 administratively liable;
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40 b) Any person, group or organization who commit the unlawful acts under Section
41 13 (b) of this Act shall be punished by:
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43 (i) For the First Offense- one (1) year suspension from availing any assistance
44 from the DSWD; and
45 (ii) For the Second Offense – imprisonment of not less than one (1) year but not
46 more than six (6) years.

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2 If the offender is an organization, the president, manager, or any officer of the
3 organization who participated in the commission of the acts enumerated above or benefited
4 therefrom, or both, shall be held liable and shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than
5 six (6) years but not more than ten (10) years. This is without prejudice to any action against
6 the organization or corporation before appropriate government agency.

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8 Conspiracy to commit the foregoing unlawful acts shall be penalized by the same
9 penalty prescribed under this Section.

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11 In all circumstances, the government shall be authorized to prosecute or to file cases on
12 behalf of the private individual defrauded and damaged by the aforementioned acts.

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14 Any person who was coerced, invited, encouraged or misled while committing the
15 crimes above, or any person who has witnessed or has knowledge or information on the
16 commission of the crime and has testified or is testifying or about to testify before any judicial
17 or quasi-judicial body, or before any investigating authority, may be admitted into the witness
18 protection program: *Provided*, That to become a state witness for this crime, the said person
19 shall not be the most guilty.

20 A public official or personnel who commits, abets, or aids in the commission of any of
21 the Unlawful Acts provided herein shall be liable under the Revised Penal Code and other
22 existing penal laws. Administrative sanctions shall be imposed without prejudice to
23 prosecution in the proper courts.

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25 **SEC. 14. Cash Equivalents.**- It shall be mandatory for any public or private entity
26 that provides services under this Program to accept the guarantee letter, coupon, check or
27 voucher issued by the DSWD as full or partial payment of the obligation of the qualified
28 beneficiary.

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30 The DSWD must, within three (3) months from the date of acceptance, pay the public
31 or private entity of the amount appearing on the guarantee letter, coupon, or voucher.

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33 **SEC. 15. Joint Congressional Oversight Committee.** – A congressional oversight
34 committee is constituted to monitor, set the overall framework, and review the implementation
35 of this Act. The committee shall determine the inherent weaknesses in the law and recommend
36 necessary remedial legislation or executive measures.

37 The oversight committee is composed of five (5) Senators and five (5) Representatives
38 to be appointed by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
39 respectively, and co-chaired by the Chairpersons of the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare
40 and Rural Development of the Senate and the Committee on Social Services of the House of
41 Representatives. The four (4) other members from the Senate and House of Representatives
42 shall be composed of three (3) members from each of the aforementioned committees, and one
43 (1) from the minority.

44 For purposes of determining remedial legislation, the oversight committee shall, within
45 two (2) years after the effectivity of this Act, conduct a review which shall include a systematic

1 evaluation of the impact of this Act, accomplishments of the program, and the performance of
2 the implementing agencies.

3 **SEC. 16. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of
4 this Act shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of DSWD. Thereafter, such
5 amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
6 General Appropriations Act.

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8 **SEC. 17. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within six (6) months from the
9 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DSWD shall, in consultation with the Secretary of
10 the DOH and the Commission on Audit, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to
11 carry out the provisions of this Act.

12 **SEC. 18. Separability Clause.** – If any provision or part of this Act is held invalid or
13 unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and
14 effect.

15 **SEC. 19. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive
16 orders, letter of instructions, administrative orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof
17 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are amended, repealed, or modified
18 accordingly.

19 **SEC. 20. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
20 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

21 *Approved,*

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 6636

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 846, 1425, 1514, 1864, 2185, 2393, 2457, 2505, 2757, 2848, 2864, 2963, 3301, 3787, 4513, 4913, 5080, 5186, 5252, 5652, 5792, 5892, and 6072)

AN ACT

INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CERTAIN UNLAWFUL ACTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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OBJECTIVE:

- To institutionalize the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in order to improve the quality of life of every Filipino.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Provides each qualified beneficiary with financial, medical, transportation, food, material assistance, and other forms of assistance available in the DSWD, which include referral service, psychosocial support or intervention, and legal consultation, based on the assessment of the social workers of the DSWD.
- Puts in place an Integrated **Program** Delivery System which concerned agencies and local government units may access in order to identify the types of assistance available to qualified beneficiaries and for purposes of assistance augmentation as well as prevention of possible abuse of the AICS program.
- Provides for the minimum personnel complement of the Crisis Intervention Division and Crisis Intervention Units and authorizes the DSWD to create the required plantilla and staffing pattern necessary for the program's implementation, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the Civil Service Commission.
- Provides for unlawful acts and penalty to prevent abuse of the AICS program.
- Mandates any public or private entity that provides services under the AICS program to accept guarantee letter, coupon, check or voucher issued by the DSWD as full or partial payment of the obligation of the qualified beneficiary.
- Creates a Congressional Oversight Committee composed of five (5) Senators and five (5) Representatives, to be appointed by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively, and co-chaired by the Chairpersons of the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development of the Senate, and the Committee on Social Services of the House of Representatives.
- Includes a provision mandating the Congressional Oversight Committee to conduct a systematic evaluation, within two (2) years after its effectivity, on the accomplishments of the program and the performance of the implementing agencies.

RELATED LAWS:

- The Philippine Constitution;
- Republic Act No. 7160, or the "Local Government Code of 1991", as amended;
- Executive Order No. 292, or the "Administrative Code of 1987"; and
- Supreme Court case of *Mandanas v. Executive Secretary* (G.R. No. 199802, April 10, 2019).