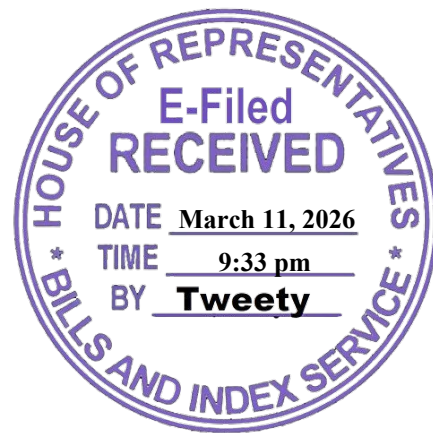




Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

Committee Report No. 167

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations on March 11, 2026

Re : House Bill No. 8477

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2583, 2698, 5229, 5481, 5676, 5686, 5763, 5980, 6038, and 6151

Sponsors: Representatives Jude A. Acidre, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and Ryan S. Recto

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations, to which were referred House Bill No. 2583, introduced by Representative Ryan S. Recto, entitled:

“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 2698, introduced by Representative Ferdinand Alexander A. Marcos, entitled:

“AN ACT
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PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 5229, introduced by Representative Paula Aguilar Cruz, entitled:

“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 5481, introduced by Representative Salvador A. Pleyto, entitled:

“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP MERIT
PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE AND REWARD OUTSTANDING
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AMONG HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES,

PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 5676, introduced by Representative Bernadette G. Escudero, entitled:

“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 5686, introduced by Representative Eric L. Olivarez, entitled:

“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 5763, introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez,
Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, and Jude A. Acidre,
entitled:

“AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM FOR DESERVING STUDENTS AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 5980, introduced by Representatives Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte,
Vincenzo Renato Luigi R. Villafuerte, Tsuyoshi Anthony “Hori” G. Horibata, and Terry
L. Ridon, entitled:

“AN ACT
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PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 6038, introduced by Representative Iris Marie Demesa Montes,
entitled:

“AN ACT
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PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”;

and House Bill No. 6151, introduced by Representative Juan Carlos “Arjo” C. Atayde,
entitled:

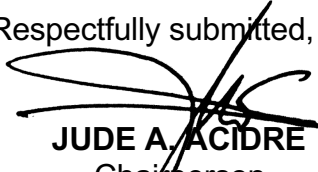
“AN ACT
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PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”;

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **8477**,
entitled:

"AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM, INTEGRATING THE *BAGONG PILIPINAS* MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INTO A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK TO
SUPPORT TOP-PERFORMING STUDENTS, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR"

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2583, 2698, 5229, 5481, 5676, 5686, 5763, 5980, 6038, and 6151 with Representatives Jude A. Acidre, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Ryan S. Recto, Ferdinand Alexander A. Marcos, Paula Aguilar Cruz, Salvador A. Pleyto, Sr., Bernadette G. Escudero, Eric L. Olivarez, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Andrew Julian K. Romualdez, Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte, Vincenzo Renato Luigi R. Villafuerte, Tsuyoshi Anthony "Hori" G. Horibata, Terry L. Ridon, Iris Marie Demesa Montes, Juan Carlos "Arjo" C. Atayde, Audrey Kay T. Zubiri, Johanne Monich G. Bautista, Eulogio "Leo" R. Rodriguez, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., MD, FPSO-HNS, Loreto S. Amante, John Tracy F. Cagas, Gerald Cloyd Alexis V. Galang, Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, Rebecca Maria A. Ynares, Steve Chiongbian Solon, Kenneth T. Gatchalian, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Edwin L. Cruzado, M.D., Ma. Cristina Talavera Lopez, De Carlo L. Uy, Janette L. Garin, Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V, Jefferson F. Khonghun, Lorenz R. Defensor, Julianne "Jam" L. Baronda, Ernesto M. Dionisio Jr., Arnan C. Panaligan, Alyssa Michaela "Mica" M. Gonzales, Howard A. Guintu, Gil "Kabarangay Jr" Acosta, Jose "Bong" J. Teves Jr., Ramon Rodrigo L. Gutierrez, Sergio C. Dagooc, Anna York P. Bondoc, MD, Keith Micah "Atty Mike" D.L. Tan, Monique Yazmin Maria Q. Lagdameo, Romeo S. Momo Sr., Jose C. Alvarez, Mercedes K. Alvarez, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Joseph S. Tan, Dale B. Corvera, Charisse Anne C. Hernandez, Imelda Quibranza Dimaporo, Alexandria "Queenie" Gonzales, Augustina Dominique "Ditse Tina" C. Pancho, Rodolfo "Ompong" M. Ordanes, Reynante U. Arrogancia, Ed Christopher S. Go, Christopherson "Coco" M. Yap, Francisco "Lalo" T. Matugas, Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay, Claudine Diana D. Bautista-Lim, Ferdinand "B1" L. Beltran, Ricardo S. Cruz, Jr., Jose Manuel "JM" F. Lagdameo, Nathaniel M. Oducado, Rolando M. Valeriano, Leonel "Jhong" D. Ceniza, Joseph Kim C. Yu, Roy M. Gonzales, Dibu S. Tuan, Irene G. Labadlabad, Arthur C. Yap, Christopher Sheen P. Gonzales, Jose Manuel Tadeo "Chel" I. Diokno, Paolo Henry M. Marcoleta, Walfredo "Arman" R. Dimaguila Jr., and Lani Mercado-Revilla as authors thereof.


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Chairperson
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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM,
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INTO A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK TO SUPPORT TOP-PERFORMING
STUDENTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 “Presidential
2 Merit Scholarship Act”.

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the declared policy of the State to protect
5 and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and take
6 appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. The Commission on
7 Higher Education (CHED) is also mandated to develop accessible and equitable
8 educational assistance programs for deserving yet financially challenged Filipino
9 students in order to complete and earn a college degree.

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11 To this end, the State shall establish a Presidential Merit Scholarship Program
12 that will support top-performing Filipino Senior High School graduates who qualified
13 and enrolled in CHED-identified priority programs to earn a college degree and
14 contribute to the country’s workforce and national development.

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16 **SEC. 3. Objectives.** – The Presidential Merit Scholarship Program shall have
17 the following objectives:

18 (a) To provide educational support to academically talented Senior High School
19 graduates from families in need of financial assistance;

20 (b) To produce a highly competitive and skilled workforce that will address hard-to-
21 fill occupations; and

22 (c) To complement existing government scholarship programs by covering
23 academically exceptional students.

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25 **SEC. 4. Institutionalization of the Presidential Merit Scholarship Program.**
26 – The Presidential Merit Scholarship Program is hereby institutionalized, hereinafter
27 referred to as the PMSP, to be implemented by the CHED.

28 **SEC. 5. Coverage and Eligibility of the PMSP.** – The PMSP shall be open to:

29 (a) Filipino citizens or dual citizens residing in the Philippines who will take an oath
30 of allegiance to the Philippines upon the age of majority;

31 (b) Top-performing senior high school graduates from public and private schools
32 who belong to the top one percent (1%) of their class;

33 (c) Top-performing senior high school graduates who passed the admission
34 requirements to a CHED-identified priority program offered by State
35 Universities and Colleges (SUC) or Local University and Colleges (LUC) with
36 Certificate of Program Compliance or Private Higher Education Institutions
37 (PHEI) with Government Recognition: *Provided*, That priority will be given to
38 applicants who obtained admission to CHED-identified priority programs
39 offered by Level 3 or 4 SUC, LUC or PHEI with autonomous or deregulated
40 status;

41 (d) Top-performing senior high school graduates belonging to a family with a
42 combined total annual household income of not more than Php2,000,000.00:
43 *Provided*, That the CHED, in coordination with relevant government agencies
44 and as reflected in its issued guidelines, will have the authority to
45 periodically adjust the household income limit in consideration of the normative
46 cost of education and inflation;

1 The CHED may determine other eligibility requirements as provided in
2 its guidelines: *Provided*, That these will not be in contradiction with any of the
3 existing provisions of the Act.
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5 **SEC. 6. Grounds for Disqualification of Applicants.** – An applicant shall
6 be disqualified from the application due to the following:
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- 8 (a) Submission of false or fraudulent documents during the application process;
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10 (b) Failure to meet the minimum eligibility requirements; and
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12 (c) Other eligibility requirements as determined by CHED.
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14 **SEC. 7. Scholarship Benefits.** – The educational assistance for the PMSP
15 scholar, which shall be administered by the CHED, shall cover any of the following:
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- 17 (a) Tuition subsidy: *Provided*, That for SUC and LUC, tuition and other school
18 fees and 13 identified miscellaneous fees will be covered under Republic
19 Act No. 10931 or the “Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act”
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21 (b) Stipend;
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23 (c) Other education-related allowances, subject to availability of funds;
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25 (d) Certificate of Presidential Recognition signed by the President of the
26 Republic of the Philippines, attesting to the scholar’s exemplary academic
27 achievement.
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29 The CHED is authorized to determine the amount for education assistance
30 based on its issued guidelines: *Provided*, That the amount shall be adjusted
31 periodically by the CHED and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to
32 account for the normative cost of education and inflation.
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34 **SEC. 8. Retention and Accountability.** - *The PMSP scholars shall:*
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- 36 (a) Maintain a minimum grade point average as prescribed by CHED; and
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38 (b) Complete the program within the prescribed timeframe.
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40 **SEC. 9. Grounds for the Termination of Scholarship.** - The following are
41 grounds for termination of scholarship:
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- 43 (a) Obtaining multiple scholarship or grants, whether public or private, and
44 concurrently receiving the full benefits of multiple scholarships or grants;
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46 (b) Failure to maintain academic performance required by the CHED, including
47 Absence Without Official Leave, abandonment, dropping out or shifting from
48 another degree program or transfer to another delivering higher education
49 institution;
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51 (c) Gross misconduct in a manner that would bring significant damage to the
52 SUC, LUC, or PHEI concerned or to the community as a whole; and
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54 (d) Other grounds determined by the CHED.

PMSP scholars who are terminated for reasons outside of *force majeure*, or as determined by the CHED, shall be required to return the educational benefits received from the scholarship in full or staggered payment.

SEC. 10. Extension Service. – In order to cultivate civic responsibility and nation-building, PMSP scholars shall be encouraged to engage and participate in extension service of its university for the duration of scholarship.

SEC. 11. Advocating for Bayanihan and Nationalism. - To fulfill the intent of this Act, PMSP scholars shall not be eligible for foreign employment until fulfillment of in-country employment proportional to the years of educational support received from the government.

SEC. 12. Administration and Monitoring. - The CHED shall create a Presidential Merit Scholarship Unit under the Office of Student Development and Services responsible for program administration, monitoring, and evaluation. The Secretariat shall maintain a national registry of scholars, ensure timely disbursement of benefits, and submit an annual report to the Office of the President and to Congress on the implementation, performance, and impact of the program.

SEC. 13. Appropriations. - The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of CHED. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 14. Transitory Provision. - Upon the effectivity of this Act, current scholars under the Bagong Pilipinas Merit Scholarship Program (BPMSP) of the CHED shall be deemed eligible to avail of the benefits under this Act and shall continue to enjoy their scholarship benefits until completion of degree, subject to the prevailing rules, regulations, and guidelines in force at the time of the grant of the scholarship. *Provided*, That no beneficiary shall receive duplicative scholarship benefit under both programs for the same period.

SEC. 15. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall, in coordination with relevant government agencies including the Department of Education, DBM, National Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Immigration, and Department of Labor and Employment, issue rules and regulations to fully implement the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That the absence of the implementing rules and regulations shall not affect the effectivity of this Act and the grant of benefits provided therein.

SEC. 16. Separability Clause. – If any part or provisions of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 17. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, and rules and regulations, or any parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be revoked, repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 18. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

FACT SHEET

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Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Committee Chairperson: **REP. JUDE A. ACIDRE**

Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS (Secondary)**

Committee Chairperson: **REP. MIKAELA ANGELA B.
SUANSING**

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide full financial support to top one percent (1%) of senior high school graduates from public or private schools belonging to families with a combined total household income of not more than P2,000,000.00
- To cultivate a competitive and highly skilled workforce by supporting scholars in courses addressing hard-to-fill occupations identified by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
- To complement existing government scholarship programs by covering exceptional students
- To ensure legitimacy and authority, continuous budget allocations and staffing, continuity and sustainability, accountability and evaluation, integration and coordination, and policy and compliance

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Establishes the Presidential Merit Scholarship Program to recognize and support high-achieving high school graduates
- Covers top-performing senior high school graduates belonging to the top one percent (1%) of the graduating class who pass the admission requirements of a state university or college (SUC), local university or college (LUC), or private higher education institution (PHEI) where the student wishes to enroll in and pursue college degree in any of the priority courses of the CHED
- Provides for financial assistance covering tuition subsidy: *Provided*, That for SUC and LUC, tuition and other school fees and 13 identified miscellaneous fees will be covered under Republic Act No. 10931 or the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act"
- Grants other benefits such as stipend, other education-related allowances, subject to availability of funds, and Certificate of Presidential Recognition signed by the

President of the Republic of the Philippines, attesting to the scholar's exemplary academic achievement

- Requires that a beneficiary student shall be a Filipino citizen or dual citizen residing in the Philippines belonging to the top one percent (1%) of the graduating class has passed the college entrance examination, and has complied with other related requirements for admission in the SUC, LUC, or PHEI, as well as the prescribed requirements of the CHED
- States that the applicant must belong to a family with a combined gross annual household income of not exceeding Two million pesos (P2,000,000.00)
- Disqualification from the program may occur under any of the following circumstances: submission of false or fraudulent documents during the application process; failure to meet the minimum eligibility requirements; and other eligibility requirements as determined by the CHED
- Provides scholarship benefits: tuition subsidy, stipend, other education-related allowances subject to availability of funds, and Certificate of Presidential Recognition signed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines
- Requires the scholar to maintain at least the minimum grade point average set by the CHED and to complete the academic program within the officially prescribed timeframe
- Sets the following grounds for termination of scholarship: concurrently receiving full benefits of multiple scholarship grants; failure to maintain academic performance; gross misconduct; and other grounds as determined by CHED
- Encourages the scholar to participate in extension service of the SUC, LUC or PHEI where the scholar is enrolled

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 7722 (Higher Education Act of 1994)
- Republic Act No. 10687 (Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Act)
- Republic Act No. 10931 (Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act)