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**AN ACT  
STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO  
PROGRAM (4Ps), AMENDING 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 “Patuloy ang Pagtawid sa  
2 Pamilyang Pilipino Act.”  
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4 SEC. 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 11310 otherwise known as the “Pantawid  
5 Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act” is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 "SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* – The State shall promote a just and dynamic  
2 social order thereby uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors from poverty through  
3 policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard  
4 of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

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6 "The State recognizes the need to foster social justice as provided for in Article XIII  
7 of the 1987 Constitution, as follows:

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9 "x x x

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11 "(g) Improve maternal health; [and]

12 "(h) Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all[.];

13 "(i) PROMOTE SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESILIENCE AMONG  
14 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS;

15 "(j) PROMOTE EDUCATION AMONG ADULT BENEFICIARIES  
16 OF 4Ps THROUGH ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM,  
17 ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING, AND EMPLOYMENT  
18 TRAINING TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT; AND

19 "(k) PROVIDE A SYSTEMATIC, COMPREHENSIVE AND  
20 HOLISTIC SUPPORT, AND TRANSITION PROGRAM  
21 FOR THE GRADUATING BENEFICIARIES OF 4Ps.

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23 SEC. 3. Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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25 "SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the following terms are defined,  
26 as follows:

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28 "x x x

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30 "(b) [Case Management refers to a process used by the Department of Social  
31 Welfare and Development (DSWD) to enable the household beneficiaries to  
32 improve their functioning by dealing with their difficulties specifically in complying  
33 with the terms of the program] COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM  
34 (CBMS) REFERS TO AN ORGANIZED TECHNOLOGY-BASED SYSTEM OF  
35 COLLECTING, PROCESSING, AND VALIDATING NECESSARY  
36 DISAGGREGATED DATA THAT MAY BE USED FOR PLANNING PROGRAM  
37 IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT MONITORING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WHILE  
38 EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS. IT  
39 INVOLVES THE GENERATION OF DATA AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WHICH  
40 SERVES AS BASIS IN TARGETING HOUSEHOLDS IN THE PLANNING,  
41 BUDGETING, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS  
42 GEARED TOWARDS POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND ECONOMIC  
43 DEVELOPMENT. THIS SYSTEM MERGES THE METHODOLOGIES USED IN  
44 DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES OF ALL NATIONAL AGENCIES, GEO-  
45 TAGGING, AND THE CBMS IMPLEMENTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

1 (LGUs). IT ENTAILS A CENSUS OF HOUSEHOLDS UNDERTAKEN BY THE  
2 LGUS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNITY USING  
3 ACCELERATED POVERTY PROFILING SYSTEM IN THE DATA COLLECTION,  
4 PROCESSING, MAPPING, AND ANALYSIS OF DATA;  
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6 “(c) Compliance Verification refers to the checking and monitoring undertaken to  
7 ensure that the qualified [household] FAMILY-beneficiaries comply with conditions  
8 for entitlement set forth by the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps);  
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10 “(d) Conditional Cash Grant refers to the amount received by the qualified  
11 [household] FAMILY-beneficiaries who comply with the conditions for entitlement;  
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13 “(D-1) FIRST ONE THOUSAND (1,000) DAYS REFERS TO THE PERIOD OF A  
14 CHILD’S LIFE, SPANNING THE NINE (9) MONTHS IN THE WOMB STARTING  
15 FROM CONCEPTION TO THE FIRST TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS OF LIFE,  
16 WHICH IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE CRITICAL WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY  
17 TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND PREVENT MALNUTRITION  
18 AND ITS LIFE-LONG CONSEQUENCES;  
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20 “(D-2) GRADUATION REFERS TO THE EVENTUAL EXIT FROM THE  
21 PROGRAM, DETERMINED BY THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY LEVEL OF FAMILY-  
22 BENEFICIARIES USING THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT  
23 INDICATOR (SWDI) AND OTHER RELATED TOOLS;  
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25 “(e) Grantee refers to the most responsible adult member of the qualified  
26 [household] FAMILY-beneficiary authorized to receive the conditional cash  
27 transfer;  
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29 “x x x  
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31 “(i) Poor refers to [households] INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES whose income  
32 falls below the poverty threshold as defined by the [National Economic and  
33 Development Authority (NEDA)] DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING,  
34 AND DEVELOPMENT (DEPDEV) and/OR cannot afford in a sustained manner to  
35 provide their minimum basic needs of food, health, education, housing and other  
36 essential amenities of life;  
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38 “x x x  
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40 “(k) Qualified [Household] FAMILY-Beneficiaries refer to [households] FAMILIES  
41 identified by the DSWD for entitlement to the monthly conditional cash grants as  
42 provided under Section 6 of this Act;  
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44 “(l) Responsible Person refers to the parent or guardian in the qualified [household]  
45 FAMILY-beneficiary;

1 “(m) [Standardized Targeting System refers to a system for identifying who and  
2 where the poor households are through the generation of socioeconomic database  
3 of poor households that is adopted by national government agencies and  
4 implemented by the DSWD] SOCIAL CASE MANAGEMENT REFERS TO A  
5 STRUCTURED APPROACH TO PROBLEM-SOLVING WHERE A CASE  
6 MANAGER AND A FAMILY-BENEFICIARY AGREE ON THE NEEDS OF THE  
7 FAMILY, INCLUDING THE STEPS REQUIRED TO MEET THEM, AND WHEREIN  
8 THE ROLE OF THE CASE MANAGER IS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND HELP  
9 FAMILIES NAVIGATE CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVE AN IMPROVED LEVEL OF  
10 WELL-BEING; [and]

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12 “(n) *Sustainable Livelihood Program* refers to the livelihood and capability building  
13 program managed by the DSWD for the poor, vulnerable and marginalized families  
14 and individuals to help improve their socioeconomic conditions. The one-time  
15 livelihood assistance is in the form of microenterprise development (MD) and  
16 employment facilitation (EF). The MD track provides microenterprise interventions  
17 to the poor or savings generation while the EF track provides interventions that  
18 facilitate employment [.]

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20 “(O) TRANSITIONING BENEFICIARY REFERS TO A FAMILY THAT IS NEARING  
21 OR HAS MET THE PROGRAM'S CONDITIONS AND IS SCHEDULED FOR  
22 GRADUATION FROM THE 4PS PROGRAM; AND

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24 “(P) TRANSITION PROGRAM REFERS TO A COMPREHENSIVE SET  
25 OF INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORT MECHANISMS ESTABLISHED  
26 UNDER THIS ACT.”

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28 SEC. 4. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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30 “SEC. 4. *The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)*. – The Pantawid  
31 Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) is the national poverty reduction strategy and a  
32 human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to poor  
33 households for a maximum period of seven (7) years to improve the health,  
34 nutrition and education aspect of their lives[.]: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT*  
35 *FAMILY-BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE STILL POOR AFTER THE LAPSE OF THE*  
36 *MAXIMUM SEVEN-YEAR (7) PERIOD, AS DETERMINED BY THE SOCIAL*  
37 *WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT INDICATOR (SWDI) OR ANY GOVERNMENT-*  
38 *ADOPTED EXIT TOOL, SHALL REMAIN IN THE PROGRAM AS MAY BE*  
39 *RECOMMENDED BY THE CASE MANAGER. [The National Advisory Council*  
40 *(NAC) may recommend a longer period under exceptional circumstances.]”*  
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42 SEC. 5. Section 15 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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44 “SEC. 15. *Advisory Council*. – The Advisory Council shall be created at the  
45 regional and national levels to be headed by the DSWD.

1 "The regional advisory councils and NAC shall have, as members, representatives  
2 from the DSWD, Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd),  
3 Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE),  
4 Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR),  
5 Department of Science and Technology (DOST), DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
6 SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DHSUD), COMMISSION ON  
7 HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), and Technical Education and Skills  
8 Development Authority (TESDA). The regional advisory councils and NAC shall  
9 also have, as additional members, two (2) representatives from accredited  
10 nongovernmental organizations working or monitoring social welfare service  
11 programs.

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13 "X X X."

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15 SEC. 6. Section 5 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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17 "SEC. 5. *Selection of Qualified [Household] FAMILY-Beneficiaries.* – On a  
18 nationwide basis, [the DSWD shall select] qualified [household] FAMILY-  
19 beneficiaries of the 4Ps [using a standardized targeting system] SHALL BE  
20 GENERATED BY THE COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM (CBMS).  
21 [It shall conduct a regular revalidation of beneficiary targeting every three (3)  
22 years.]"

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24 SEC. 7. Section 6 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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26 "SEC. 6. *Eligible Beneficiaries.* – Farmers, fisherfolks, homeless families,  
27 indigenous peoples, those in the informal settler sector and those in geographically  
28 isolated and disadvantaged areas including those in areas without electricity shall  
29 be automatically included [in the standardized targeting system to be conducted  
30 by the DSWD]: *Provided*, That to be eligible for the cash grants, households or  
31 families must meet the following criteria:

32  
33 "(a) Classified as poor and near-poor based on the [Standardized Targeting  
34 System] CBMS and the poverty threshold issued by the Philippine Statistics  
35 Authority (PSA) at the time of selection;

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37 "X X X."

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39 SEC. 8. Section 7 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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41 "SEC. 7. *Conditional Cash Transfer to Beneficiaries.* – The Advisory Council shall  
42 determine the amount of conditional cash transfer to beneficiaries with the  
43 following schemes:

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45 "X X X"

1 “(d) Health and nutrition grant shall not be lower than Seven hundred fifty pesos  
2 (P750.00) per month for a maximum of twelve (12) months per year.

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4 “Health/nutrition grant component aims to promote healthy practices and family  
5 development, [improve the health nutritional status of pregnant and postpartum  
6 mothers, infants and young children,] and increase the use of health services by  
7 the household-beneficiary. The health grant is a fixed amount and does not depend  
8 on the number of members in the household[.]; AND

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10 “(E) CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER GRANT PER PREGNANT WOMAN OR  
11 CHILD UP TO TWO (2) YEARS OLD SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN THREE  
12 HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS (P350.00) PER MONTH FOR A MAXIMUM OF  
13 TWELVE (12) MONTHS PER YEAR.

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15 “THE FIRST ONE THOUSAND (1,000) DAYS GRANT AIMS TO SUPPORT THE  
16 FOUNDATIONAL PERIOD OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVE THE  
17 HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM  
18 MOTHERS, INFANTS, AND YOUNG CHILDREN.”

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20 SEC. 9. A new Section denominated as Section 7-A is hereby inserted after Section 7 of  
21 the same Act to read as follows:

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23 “SEC. 7-A. *RICE SUBSIDY*. – PROVISION OF RICE SUBSIDY SHALL BE PAID  
24 ON TOP OF CASH GRANTS TO COMPLIANT HOUSEHOLDS. THE TOTAL  
25 AMOUNT OF RICE SUBSIDY SHALL NOT BE LOWER THAN SIX HUNDRED  
26 PESOS (P600.00) PER MONTH FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS  
27 PER YEAR.”

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29 SEC. 10. Section 8 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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31 “SEC. 8. *Coverage in the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP)*. – All  
32 beneficiaries of 4Ps as identified by the [standardized targeting system] CBMS to  
33 be qualified [household] FAMILY-beneficiaries of the 4Ps shall automatically be  
34 covered in the NHIP. The necessary funding for their coverage shall be sourced  
35 from revenue generated pursuant to Republic Act No. 10351, otherwise known as  
36 the “Sin Tax Reform Act of 2012”.

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38 SEC. 11. Section 11 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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40 “SEC. 11. *Conditions for Entitlement*. – All qualified [household] FAMILY-  
41 beneficiaries shall comply with all the following conditions as a requirement for  
42 continued program eligibility:

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44 “x x x

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46 “(e) Children five (5) to eighteen (18) years old must attend elementary or  
47 secondary classes at least eighty-five percent (85%) of their time; [and]

1       “(f) At least one (1) responsible person must attend family development sessions  
2       conducted by the DSWD, at least once a month[.]; AND  
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4       “(G) AT LEAST ONE (1) ADULT BENEFICIARY IS URGED TO JOIN AND  
5       COMPLETE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TRACKS OF ADULT EDUCATION  
6       SUCH AS:  
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8               “(1) THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) OF THE  
9               DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) TRACK. THE ALS TRACK  
10              REFERS TO A PARALLEL LEARNING SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES A  
11              VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE EXISTING FORMAL EDUCATION  
12              INSTRUCTION AND ENCOMPASSES BOTH NON-FORMAL AND  
13              INFORMAL SOURCES OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS;  
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15             “(2) ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRACK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE  
16             AND INDUSTRY (DTI) AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND  
17             DEVELOPMENT. THIS REFERS TO INTERVENTIONS WHICH FOCUS  
18             ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MICRO-ENTERPRISE THROUGH  
19             ENHANCEMENT OF SKILLS, PROVISION OF FINANCIAL CAPITAL AND  
20             BUILDING OR RE-BUILDING PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ASSETS, AND  
21             WHICH COVERS PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING, AND BASIC  
22             BUSINESS FINANCE; OR  
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24             “(3) TRAINING FOR EMPLOYMENT TRACK FACILITATED BY THE  
25             TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
26             (TESDA). THIS REFERS TO TESDA-REGISTERED PROGRAMS  
27             DELIVERED BY TESDA TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTIONS, PUBLIC AND  
28             PRIVATE TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTES, HIGHER  
29             EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES,  
30             LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OFFERING TECHNICAL  
31             VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET) PROGRAMS, AND  
32             CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS. TO ENSURE QUALITY-ASSURED  
33             IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH THIS TRACK, LEARNERS AND  
34             WORKERS ARE PROVIDED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUIRE, OR  
35             UPGRADE, THEIR KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, VALUES, AND ATTITUDE  
36             REQUIRED AS QUALIFICATIONS FOR A JOB OR RANGE OF JOBS IN  
37             A GIVEN OCCUPATIONAL AREA.  
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39             “THE AVAILMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION SHALL BE VOLUNTARY AND  
40             SHALL COMMENCE ON THE SECOND YEAR OF ENROLLMENT OR AS  
41             MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE CASE MANAGER.

1 "AS USED IN THIS ACT, ADULT EDUCATION REFERS TO  
2 INTERVENTIONS THAT IMPROVE TECHNICAL OR PROFESSIONAL  
3 QUALIFICATIONS, FURTHER DEVELOP ABILITIES, ACQUIRE OR  
4 ENRICH KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES IN A NEW FIELD  
5 THROUGH ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM TRACK,  
6 ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRACK OR EMPLOYMENT TRACK.  
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8 "Any or all of the conditions for entitlement may be suspended by the DSWD  
9 Secretary during times of calamities, war and armed conflicts[,] AND  
10 OTHER FORCE MAJEURE SITUATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
11 RELEVANT LAWS AND DSWD GUIDELINES. IN SUCH CASES, FULL  
12 COMPLIANCE TO SUCH CONDITIONS ARE DEEMED WAIVED AND  
13 PAYMENTS TO BENEFICIARIES SHALL BE GRANTED IN FULL."  
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15 SEC. 12. A new Section denominated as Section 11-A is hereby inserted after Section  
16 11 of the same Act to read as follows:  
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18 "SEC. 11-A. *EXIT FROM 4PS*. – A QUALIFIED FAMILY- BENEFICIARY SHALL  
19 BE DEEMED TO EXIT FROM THE PROGRAM, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST,  
20 WHEN:  
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22 "(A) THE FAMILY HAS GRADUATED FROM THE PROGRAM UPON  
23 ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY LEVEL OF WELL-  
24 BEING USING THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT  
25 INDICATOR (SWDI);  
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27 "(B) THE FAMILY, INCLUDING EVERY MONITORED CHILD, FAILS TO  
28 COMPLY WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE PROGRAM'S CONDITIONS,  
29 DESPITE EXHAUSTIVE INTERVENTIONS THROUGH INTENSIVE  
30 CASE MANAGEMENT;  
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32 "(C) THE FAMILY VOLUNTARILY WAIVES ITS MEMBERSHIP FROM THE  
33 PROGRAM; OR  
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35 "(D) THE FAMILY COMMITS AN OFFENSE THAT RESULTS IN THEIR  
36 REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM, AS PER THE STANDARDS SET  
37 BY THE DSWD.  
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39 "A QUALIFIED FAMILY-BENEFICIARY SHALL REMAIN IN THE PROGRAM AND  
40 SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUPPORT THROUGH SOCIAL CASE  
41 MANAGEMENT. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE EXISTING 4PS NATIONAL  
42 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE (NPMO) SHALL BE CONVERTED INTO  
43 THE 4PS BUREAU, SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DBM,  
44 WHICH SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELIVERY AND OVERSIGHT OF  
45 SOCIAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES."

1 SEC. 13. Section 12 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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3 "SEC. 12. *Noncompliance with Conditions.* – The responsible person of a reported  
4 qualified [household] FAMILY-beneficiary who fails to comply with conditions set  
5 forth in Section 11 of this Act shall at first be notified in writing and the payment of  
6 cash grants will immediately be terminated. After four (4) months of  
7 noncompliance, the [household] FAMILY-beneficiary shall be subject to case  
8 management process of DSWD."  
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10 SEC. 14. Section 13 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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12 "SEC. 13. [Livelihood] POST SKILLS TRAINING AND LIVELIHOOD Interventions.  
13 – [Qualified household-] FAMILY-beneficiaries shall be given priority in the  
14 availment of the modalities and interventions [under DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood  
15 Program (SLP) or other appropriate or similar programs offered by other  
16 government agencies or accredited private institutions[.] OF THE GOVERNMENT  
17 PROGRAMS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THEIR SELECTED TRACK OF  
18 ADULT EDUCATION.  
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20 "(A) ADULT EDUCATION BENEFICIARIES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED  
21 THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRACK SHALL BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE BY THE  
22 DTI TO ENSURE EASE OF ESTABLISHING A MICRO OR SMALL BUSINESS  
23 ENTERPRISE AND THE LINK TO THE TARGET CLIENTELE OF THE 4PS  
24 ENTREPRENEUR.  
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26 "(B) THE ADULT EDUCATION BENEFICIARIES WHO SUCCESSFULLY  
27 COMPLETED THE TRAINING FOR EMPLOYMENT TRACK SHALL BE GIVEN  
28 JOB FACILITATION ASSISTANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
29 EMPLOYMENT.  
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31 "(C) THE ADULT EDUCATION BENEFICIARIES WHO SUCCESSFULLY  
32 COMPLETED ALS TRACK UNTIL THEY FINISH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SHALL  
33 BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE THEIR PURSUIT OF HIGHER LEARNING  
34 OR EMPLOYMENT.  
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36 "[The household-beneficiary shall also be given priority in the availment of the  
37 employment facilitation services provided by the SLP or other employment  
38 programs of appropriate government agencies implementing the same.]  
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40 "LIVELIHOOD INTERVENTION IS A MANDATORY COMPONENT OF THE  
41 HUMAN CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR ALL QUALIFIED 4PS  
42 FAMILY-BENEFICIARIES TOWARDS ACHIEVING GRADUATION AND  
43 SECURING SUSTAINABLE SOURCES OF INCOME NECESSARY FOR AN  
IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE."

1 SEC. 15. Section 14 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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3 "SEC. 14. *Lead Agency.* – The DSWD shall serve as the central planning,  
4 coordinating, implementing and monitoring body of the Program.  
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6 In the implementation of this Act, the DSWD shall perform the following functions:  
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8 "(a) [Select and use an appropriate, effective and cost-efficient method to identify  
9 and select qualified household-beneficiaries] IDENTIFY THE COVERAGE OF  
10 THE 4Ps BASED ON CBMS;  
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12 "(b) Identify [and select] the target NUMBER OF [household] FAMILY-beneficiaries  
13 on the basis of [a uniform, objective and transparent selection process] THE  
14 PREVAILING POVERTY LEVEL as indicated in Section 5 of this Act;  
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16 "x x x  
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18 "(f) [Identify the coverage of the 4Ps based on the Standardized Targeting System]  
19 INTENSIFY SOCIAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR 4PS  
20 BENEFICIARIES, AS INDICATED IN SECTION 11-A OF THIS ACT, TO  
21 FACILITATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY LEVEL OF  
22 WELL-BEING AND THEIR EVENTUAL GRADUATION FROM THE PROGRAM;  
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24 "(g) Provide the seminar-workshops and training programs to educate qualified  
25 [household] FAMILY-beneficiaries about the conditions and other actions pertinent  
26 to this Act;  
27

28 "(h) Organize a session on entrepreneurship and disaster preparedness and risk  
29 reduction or arrange a community development activity in the qualified [household]  
30 FAMILY-beneficiaries' respective barangay or municipality or city, whichever is  
31 available annually;  
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33 "x x x."  
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35 SEC. 16. Section 24 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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37 "[SEC. 24. Penalties. – Any person, whether or not acting in conspiracy with public  
38 officials, who, by act or omission, inserts or allows the insertion of data or false  
39 information, or who diverts from what ought to be contained in the registry, with the  
40 view of altering the fact, or aiding in the grant of the money to persons other than  
41 the qualified household-beneficiaries, shall be penalized with imprisonment of not  
42 less than one (1) month but not more than one (1) year, or a fine of not less than  
43 Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) but not more than One hundred thousand pesos  
44 (P100,000.00) or both imprisonment and fine, at the discretion of the court. A public  
45 official who commits any of the acts provided herein shall be penalized with  
46 temporary disqualification to hold public office. Administrative sanctions shall be  
47 imposed without prejudice to prosecution in the proper courts.]"

1 "SEC. 24. PROHIBITED ACTS. – THE FOLLOWING ARE DECLARED  
2 UNLAWFUL:  
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4 "(A) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, WHETHER OR NOT ACTING  
5 IN CONSPIRACY WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS, WHO, BY ACT OR OMISSION,  
6 INSERTS OR ALLOWS THE INSERTION OF DATA OR FALSE INFORMATION,  
7 OR WHO DIVERTS FROM WHAT OUGHT TO BE CONTAINED IN THE  
8 REGISTRY, WITH THE VIEW OF ALTERING THE FACT, OR AIDING IN THE  
9 GRANT OF THE MONEY TO PERSONS OTHER THAN THE QUALIFIED  
10 FAMILY-BENEFICIARIES; AND  
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12 "(B) LIKEWISE, IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL OR  
13 ORGANIZATION TO COMMIT THE FOLLOWING ACTS:  
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15 "(I) USE THE CASH GRANTS OR TRANSACTION CARDS AND OTHER 4PS  
16 DOCUMENTS OF THE FAMILY-BENEFICIARIES AS LOAN COLLATERAL;  
17

18 "(II) FACILITATE ANY TRANSACTION INVOLVING THE USE OF THE CASH  
19 GRANTS OR TRANSACTION CARDS AND OTHER 4PS DOCUMENTS OF THE  
20 FAMILY-BENEFICIARIES FOR A FEE OR COMMISSION; AND  
21

22 "(III) WITHDRAW THE CASH GRANTS USING THE TRANSACTION  
23 CARDS OF QUALIFIED FAMILY-BENEFICIARIES WITHOUT EXPRESS  
24 AUTHORITY STATING JUSTIFIABLE GROUNDS THEREFOR."  
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26 SEC. 17. A new Section denominated as Section 24-A is hereby inserted after Section  
27 24 of the same Act to read as follows:  
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29 "SEC. 24-A. PENALTIES. – ANY PERSON, GROUP, OR ORGANIZATION WHO  
30 VIOLATES SECTION 24 OF THIS ACT SHALL BE PENALIZED WITH  
31 IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN ONE (1) MONTH BUT NOT MORE THAN  
32 ONE (1) YEAR, OR A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND PESOS  
33 (P10,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS  
34 (P100,000.00) OR BOTH IMPRISONMENT AND FINE: *PROVIDED*, THAT ANY  
35 PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHO VIOLATES SECTION 24 OF THIS ACT SHALL BE  
36 PENALIZED WITH TEMPORARY DISQUALIFICATION TO HOLD PUBLIC  
37 OFFICE IN ADDITION TO OTHER APPLICABLE ADMINISTRATIVE  
38 SANCTIONS."  
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40 SEC. 18. New sections after Section 24 of the same Act are hereby inserted, to read as  
41 follows:  
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43 "SEC. 25. *ESTABLISHMENT OF 4PS SUPPORT TO TERTIARY EDUCATION*  
44 *AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (4PS STEEP)*. – THE DSWD SHALL  
45 ESTABLISH A 4PS SUPPORT TO TERTIARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT  
46 PROGRAM (4PS STEEP) AS A MECHANISM FOR CHILDREN OF FAMILY-  
47 BENEFICIARIES OF 4PS TO DEVELOP INTEREST IN POSTSECONDARY

1 EDUCATION, ASSIST IN THE ACCESS AND COMPLETION OF TERTIARY  
2 EDUCATION, AND ENSURE PRIORITIZATION OF 4PS STEEP BENEFICIARY  
3 IN EMPLOYMENT.  
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5 “(A) ACCOMMODATION IN EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE. – A 4PS  
6 STEEP BENEFICIARY MAY APPLY FOR ANY EDUCATIONAL  
7 ASSISTANCE SUCH AS, SCHOLARSHIP, GRANT, STUDENT LOAN,  
8 SUBSIDIES, FINANCIAL AID, OR OTHER INCENTIVES. PUBLIC OR  
9 PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING  
10 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE SHALL PRIORITIZE THE 4PS STEEP-  
11 BENEFICIARY APPLICANT: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE 4PS STEEP  
12 BENEFICIARY APPLYING FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE  
13 SATISFACTORILY MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS,  
14 REQUIREMENTS, OR CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY THE  
15 INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION.  
16

17 “(B) INSTITUTIONAL ACCOMMODATION IN ENROLLMENT. –  
18 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OFFERING  
19 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE SUCH AS, SCHOLARSHIP, GRANT,  
20 STUDENT LOAN, SUBSIDIES, FINANCIAL AID, OR OTHER  
21 INCENTIVES, SHALL ALLOT NOT LESS THAN TEN PERCENT (10%)  
22 OF THEIR AVAILABLE SLOTS FOR ENROLLMENT AND AVAILMENT  
23 OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, IN  
24 PRIORITIZING QUALIFIED 4PS STEEP BENEFICIARIES PURSUING  
25 TERTIARY-LEVEL EDUCATION IN THEIR INSTITUTION: *PROVIDED*,  
26 THAT THE 4PS STEEP BENEFICIARY SHALL PASS OR FULFILL  
27 THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE EDUCATIONAL  
28 INSTITUTION.  
29

30 “(C) ACCOMMODATION FOR EMPLOYMENT. – TEN PERCENT (10%)  
31 OF ALL CONTRACTUAL AND CASUAL POSITIONS IN AGENCIES,  
32 OFFICES OR CORPORATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE  
33 PRIORITIZED FOR 4PS STEEP BENEFICIARIES: *PROVIDED*, THAT  
34 THE 4PS STEEP APPLYING FOR THE POSITION SHALL MEET THE  
35 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.  
36

37 “A 4PS STEEP BENEFICIARY SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY STATUS  
38 UPON ENLISTMENT IN THE MILITARY AND UNIFORMED  
39 PERSONNEL SERVICES, SUCH AS THE SERVICE BRANCHES OF  
40 THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE PHILIPPINE  
41 NATIONAL POLICE, THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, THE BUREAU  
42 OF FIRE PROTECTION, BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND  
43 PENOLOGY, BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS, AND OTHER  
44 GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN NATIONAL DEFENSE,  
45 ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS, AND IN THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE,  
46 ORDER, AND SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY.  
47

1           “(D) INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYERS. – TO ENCOURAGE THE  
2           PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE POVERTY  
3           REDUCTION PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE  
4           ENTITIES THAT EMPLOY 4PS STEEP BENEFICIARIES WHO MEET  
5           THE SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE POSITIONS  
6           APPLIED FOR SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN ADDITIONAL  
7           DEDUCTION FOR FIVE (5) YEARS, FROM THEIR GROSS INCOME,  
8           EQUIVALENT TO FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) OF THE TOTAL  
9           AMOUNT PAID AS SALARIES AND WAGES TO 4PS STEEP  
10          BENEFICIARIES: *PROVIDED*, THAT SUCH PRIVATE ENTITIES  
11          PRESENT PROOF CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
12          AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE) AND THE DSWD THAT SUCH 4PS  
13          STEEP BENEFICIARIES ARE UNDER THEIR EMPLOY.”  
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15          “SEC. 26. *ESTABLISHMENT OF 4PS COMPREHENSIVE DATABASE.* –  
16          THE DSWD IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
17          INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SHALL  
18          ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A DATABASE SYSTEM CONTAINING AN  
19          UPDATED ROSTER OF ALL FAMILY-BENEFICIARIES INCLUDING THE  
20          STATUS OF THOSE WHO GRADUATED FROM THE PROGRAM.”  
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22          “SEC. 27. *SERVICES AND INTERVENTIONS PROGRAM FOR EXITING*  
23          *AND GRADUATED BENEFICIARIES.* – THE PROGRAM SHALL  
24          PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT TO EXITING AND GRADUATED  
25          BENEFICIARIES:  
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27               “(A) LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS TRAINING. THE PROGRAM SHALL  
28               OFFER VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS TRAINING IN  
29               COORDINATION WITH THE TESDA AND OTHER RELEVANT  
30               GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. THE TRAINING SHALL BE BASED ON  
31               LOCAL MARKET DEMANDS TO ENSURE EMPLOYABILITY.  
32

33               “(B) FINANCIAL LITERACY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
34               WORKSHOPS. BENEFICIARIES SHALL BE ENROLLED IN  
35               MANDATORY WORKSHOPS ON BASIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT,  
36               SAVINGS, CREDIT, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP. THIS SHALL  
37               INCLUDE ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING BUSINESS PLANS AND  
38               ACCESSING START-UP CAPITAL.

1           “(C) ACCESS TO MICRO-FINANCING. THE PROGRAM SHALL  
2           FACILITATE ACCESS TO MICRO-FINANCING AND CREDIT  
3           FACILITIES FROM GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND  
4           ACCREDITED PRIVATE PARTNERS AT PREFERENTIAL RATES TO  
5           SUPPORT SMALL-SCALE ENTERPRISES INITIATED BY  
6           BENEFICIARIES.  
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8           “(D) JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE. IN COLLABORATION WITH  
9           THE DOLE AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE PROGRAM SHALL  
10          PROVIDE JOB MATCHING, CAREER COUNSELING, AND JOB FAIR  
11          FACILITATION TO ASSIST TRANSITIONING BENEFICIARIES IN  
12          SECURING STABLE EMPLOYMENT.  
13

14          “(E) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN. TO PREVENT  
15          BENEFICIARIES FROM REVERTING TO POVERTY, THE PROGRAM  
16          SHALL PROVIDE CONTINUED EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT, SUCH AS  
17          SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS, FOR THE CHILDREN OF  
18          TRANSITIONING BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE ENROLLED IN HIGHER  
19          EDUCATION OR VOCATIONAL COURSES.  
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21          “THE DSWD SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE DOLE, THE  
22          DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND  
23          OTHER AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN  
24          THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND INTERVENTIONS THROUGH A  
25          PACKAGE OF SUPPORT SERVICES TO EXITING AND GRADUATED  
26          FAMILIES, WHICH SHALL BE PROVIDED AS PART OF THE  
27          SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM FOR 4PS BENEFICIARIES WITH THE AIM  
28          OF REDUCING POVERTY AND VULNERABILITY.  
29

30          “THE DOH, DEPED, CHED, TESDA, DTI, AND DOLE SHALL FACILITATE  
31          AND ADDRESS THE IDENTIFIED SUPPLY-SIDE GAPS AND CONCERNS  
32          FOR HEALTH, NUTRITION, EDUCATION, LIVELIHOOD, AND  
33          EMPLOYMENT. SPECIFICALLY, THEY SHALL IMPLEMENT SKILLS  
34          UPGRADING INITIATIVES FOR BENEFICIARIES TO ENHANCE  
35          EMPLOYABILITY AND INCOME GENERATION. FURTHERMORE, THEY  
36          SHALL DESIGN APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND  
37          INTERVENTIONS TO SUIT THE NEEDS AND ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC  
38          CHALLENGES FACED BY VULNERABLE GROUPS AND SECTORS  
39          WITHIN THE 4PS SUCH AS, WOMEN, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,  
40          AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ESPECIALLY THOSE IN  
41          GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED AND DISADVANTAGED AREAS.

1 "ALL PROVINCES, CITIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES SHALL ENACT A  
2 COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL SOCIAL PROTECTION ORDINANCE, WHICH  
3 SHALL MANDATE THE DELIVERY OF ADEQUATE SOCIAL  
4 PROTECTION SERVICES FOR 4PS HOUSEHOLDS AFTER THEIR  
5 GRADUATION FROM THE PROGRAM. THEY SHALL INCLUDE 4PS-  
6 RELATED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN THEIR BUDGET  
7 ALLOCATION THROUGH THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT PLAN,  
8 COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AND LOCAL POVERTY  
9 REDUCTION ACTION PLAN TO COMPLEMENT THE IMPLEMENTATION  
10 OF THE 4PS PROGRAM."

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12 SEC. 19. All succeeding sections of the same Act are renumbered accordingly.

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14 SEC. 20. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall  
15 be charged against the current year's appropriations of the DSWD and other concerned  
16 agencies. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation  
17 of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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19 The local government units may set aside from any available local revenue an amount  
20 deemed appropriate for the implementation of this Act.

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22 SEC. 21. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within six (6) months after the effectivity  
23 of this Act, the DSWD shall, in consultation with concerned stakeholders and other  
24 government agencies, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper  
25 implementation of this Act.

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27 SEC. 22. *Separability Clause.* – Should any provision of this Act be found unconstitutional  
28 by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of this Act, and such  
29 action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Act.

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31 SEC. 23. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, letters of instruction, resolutions, orders  
32 or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,  
33 modified or amended accordingly.

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35 SEC. 24. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
36 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,