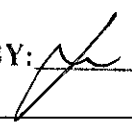




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 17, states that:

“The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.”

The Constitution, Article II, Section 4, provides that:

“...it is the policy of the State to promote peace and order, ensure public safety and further strengthen local government capability aimed towards the effective delivery of basic services for the citizenry through the establishment of a highly and competent police force that is national in scope and civilian in character.”

The men and women of the Philippine National Police (PNP) have taken an oath to enforce the law, prevent crimes, maintain peace and order, and ensure public safety and internal security with the active support of the community. As such, members of the PNP are often exposed to hazards, such as death and grave injuries, in the performance of official duties. It has happened that when a PNP member died in the line of official duty, his minor children were unable to finish college because of lack of financial remuneration for the death of the family breadwinner.

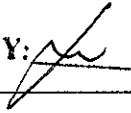
In the spirit of compassion and justice for the families of PNP members, particularly those who suffered death or grave injuries in the line of duty, it is only fitting that their children are extended help in pursuing their college education. This bill seeks to institutionalize scholarship grants to the children of PNP members.¹


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1 AN ACT
2 INSTITUTIONALIZING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO THE CHILDREN
3 OF MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

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

4 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Scholarship Grants for the
5 Children of Members of the Philippine National Police Act of 2011.”

6 SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to encourage and
7 reward members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) for their selfless service to the
8 community. It is also the policy of the State to extend assistance to families of members of the
9 PNP, especially those who suffer death or grave injuries in the line of duty, by providing
10 financial aid to their children who are pursuing their college education. Towards this end, the
11 State shall institutionalize the grant of scholarships to the children of members of the PNP.

12 SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – The term:

13 (a) “Member of the PNP” – shall refer to any member of the PNP regardless of rank,
14 subject to the income limits prescribed under Section 7 (c);

15 (b) “Children of members of the PNP” – shall refer to the children of a member of the
16 PNP;

17 (c) “Scholarship grants” – shall refer to educational grants covering tertiary
18 education.

1 SECTION 4. *Scholarship Grants.* – The scholarship grants for the children of members
2 of the PNP shall cover their tertiary education. The grants shall be applicable in all public and
3 private universities and colleges throughout the country.

4 SECTION 5. *Eligibility.* – Members of the PNP, who have been in active duty for at least
5 two consecutive years immediately prior to the date of application for the grant, whether such
6 PNP member is still in active duty, has retired, or has been honorably discharged due to
7 disability, may avail of the scholarship grant for their children.

8 Retired PNP members who do not meet the condition above may avail of the scholarship
9 grant for their children; provided, however, their children shall be entitled only to a proportional
10 amount of the grant.

11 The children of PNP members who have died in action shall also be allowed to apply for
12 the grant.

13 SECTION 6. *Limit.* – The scholarship grant shall benefit up to three children of a
14 member of the PNP. The three-child cap shall apply even if both parents are members of the
15 PNP.

16 SECTION 7. *Requirements.* – To be eligible for a scholarship, children of PNP members
17 must meet the following requirements:

18 (a) Must be a Filipino citizen of good moral character;

19 (b) Must possess at least 80% general weighted average (GWA) based on fourth year
20 high school grades;

21 (c) The Annual Gross Income of Parent/Guardian, who is a member of the PNP, shall
22 not exceed P500,000.00; provided, that if both parents are PNP members, their annual gross
23 income shall not exceed P800,000;

24 (d) Must not be more than 30 years of age at the time of application;

25 (e) Must be an entering college student in any curricular year level; and

26 (f) Such other requirements as may be established by the Commission on Higher
27 Education.

1 SECTION 8. *Conditions of the Grant.* – Those accepted under the scholarship program
2 shall maintain a passing grade in all subjects, and shall finish the course taken within the
3 required number of years; provided, that if the scholarship grantee fails any of his or her subjects,
4 the scholarship shall be forfeited, but subject to appeal; provided further, that if a grantee fails to
5 finish the course taken within the required number of years, the succeeding years in excess of
6 those required, shall no longer be covered by the scholarship grant.

7 SECTION 9. *Forfeiture of the Grant.* – Members of the PNP who have been charged and
8 proven to have committed acts of professional misconduct shall forfeit their eligibility to avail of
9 the grant for their children.

10 SECTION 10. *Implementing Agency.* – The Commission on Higher Education, in
11 coordination with the PNP, shall be the implementing agency for this Act. The Commission
12 shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the rules and regulations
13 for the effective implementation of this Act.

14 SECTION 11. *Authorization of Appropriations.* – To carry out the provisions of this Act,
15 there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year.

16 SECTION 12. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
17 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
18 valid and subsisting.

19 SECTION 13. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
20 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
21 with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

22 SECTION 14. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
23 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,