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Introduced by Senator S. R. Osmeña III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our gallant soldiers and policemen engaged in their duties to maintain peace and order do so at the risk of their lives, and at risk of the future of their children.


When the soldiers are killed by insurgents, or when policemen are slain in the line of duty, an irreparable damage is caused to their children and minors who become unable to continue schooling or complete their secondary education upon the death of the main breadwinner of the family.

To shelter the children, albeit partially, from such disastrous consequences upon their future, this bill seeks to provide for educational benefits for the minor children of soldiers and policemen who are killed by insurgents or slain in the line of duty. The educational benefits for minor orphaned children will include tuition fees and a reasonable allowance for books, school supplies, transportation, clothing and food, and will cover

- a) those who were orphaned prior to the approval of this Act but are still minors upon its approval;
- b) beneficiaries who reach the age of majority while enjoying benefits and have not completed their secondary education shall continue to be entitled to the benefits until they complete their education; and
- c) those who are minors upon the approval of this Act.

In consideration of the heroic sacrifice of their fathers, it is only fair that society makes this gesture of recompense to these orphans.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


SERGIO OSMEÑA III
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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE MINOR CHILDREN
OF SOLDIERS AND POLICEMEN WHO ARE KILLED BY ENSURGENTS OR
SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Educational Benefits for Orphaned Minor Children. –

Minor children of soldiers in the Armed Forces of the Philippines or member of
the Philippine National Police, who were killed by insurgents or slain in the line of
duty shall be entitled to educational benefits from the time they are orphaned up
to their completion of secondary education.

The benefits shall include tuition, and a reasonable allowance for books,
school supplies, transportation, clothing, and food.

SEC. 2. Administration of the Educational Benefits System. – The

Chief of Staff shall designate the office in the Armed Forces which shall
administer the educational benefits system for the orphaned minor children of
soldiers and promulgate appropriate rules and regulations therefor.

The Chairman of the National Police Commission shall designate the
office in the Commission which shall administer the educational benefits system
for the orphaned minor children of policemen and promulgate rules and
regulations therefor.

1 **SEC. 3. *Funds for Educational Benefits.*** - There is hereby authorized
2 to be appropriated, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise
3 appropriated, the amount of Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00) for the
4 educational benefits of orphaned minor children of soldiers for the Armed Forces
5 of the Philippines for the initial year of operation. Thereafter, the amount required
6 for said educational benefits shall be included in the annual appropriations of the
7 Armed Forces of the Philippines.

8 There is hereby also authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the
9 National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount of Ten million pesos
10 (10,000,000.00) for the educational benefits of orphaned minor children of
11 policemen for the National Police Commission for the initial year of operation.

12 Thereafter, the amount required for said educational benefits shall be
13 included in the annual appropriations of the National Police Commission.

14 **SEC. 4. *Coverage.*** - This Act shall cover children whose father or
15 mother were killed by insurgents or slain prior to the approval of this Act and
16 those minors who are orphaned after the approval of this Act.

17 Beneficiaries who reach the age of minority while enjoying the benefits of
18 this Act but who have not completed their secondary education shall continue to
19 be entitled to benefits until they complete secondary education.

20 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect upon its approval and
21 completion or publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general
22 circulation.

Approved,