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Introduced by Senator S. R. Osmeña III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The right to education is enshrined in the Philippine Constitution. This is the principle underlying the government's public school system where elementary and secondary education is offered for free to all citizens.

However not all children can be accommodate in the country's public schools. And the cost of education includes many items other than tuition fees. It includes the cost of transportation, meals taken in school, clothing, books, and school supplies, which parents have to provide with no assistance from the government.

This bill proposes to allow deductions from taxable income equal to twice the amount spent for tuition fee expenses per child but not to exceed ₱20,000, in order to encourage parents especially among low income families to send their children to school.

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

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GRANTING A DOUBLE DEDUCTION FOR TUITION FEE EXPENSES INCURRED
AND FOR THIS PURPOSE AMENDING SECTION 34, CHAPTER VII OF REPUBLIC
ACT NUMBERED 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "TAX REFORM ACT OF
1997"

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 34, Chapter VII of Republic Act numbered eight
2 thousand four hundred and twenty four, otherwise known as the Tax Reform
3 Act of 1997 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 “Section 34. Deductions from Gross Income. – Except for
5 taxpayers earning compensation income arising from personal services
6 rendered under an employer-employee relationship where no deductions
7 shall be allowed under this Section other than under SubsectionS (M)
8 and (N) hereof. In computing taxable income subject to income tax under
9 Section 24(A); 25(A); 26; 27(A), (B) and (C) and 28(A)(1), there shall be
10 allowed the following deductions from gross income:”

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12 “(N) TUITION FEE. - A MARRIED INDIVIDUAL OR A HEAD OF
13 THE FAMILY SHALL FURTHER BE ALLOWED A DEDUCTION EQUAL
14 TO TWO TIMES THE AMOUNT SPENT, BUT IN NO CASE TO EXCEED
15 TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000), FOR TUITION FEE

EXPENSES PER CHILD IF THE LATTER IS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON THE MARRIED INDIVIDUAL OR HEAD OF THE FAMILY FOR SUPPORT; OR THE SAME SHALL BE ALLOWED THE INDIVIDUAL IF THE LATTER IS A WORKING STUDENT.

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SEC. 2. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) leading newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,