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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Apart from the tuition fee, our students and their parents are saddled with other expenses such as transportation, school supplies, books, medical and dental fees, and also, admission fees to galleries, museums and stage theatres

Indeed, the cost of education has considerably increased over the years, that at present, only a fortunate handful are able to go to school and actually finish college.

Such scenario has been detrimental to our national development as many of our young people drop out of school.

This proposed bill seeks to ease the pressure of very high educational cost on parents and students by granting them additional privileges.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**GRANTING PRIVILEGES TO STUDENTS AT ALL LEVELS ON
BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title** – This Act shall be known as the “Student Privilege Act of 2004.”

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3 **SECTION 2. Definition of Terms** – As used in this Act, the term “student” shall
4 mean any resident citizen of the Philippines, regardless of age, and duly enrolled in the
5 elementary, secondary or tertiary level in any public, or private academic institution
6 recognized by the Department of Education Culture and Sports and the Commission on
7 Higher Education.

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9 **SECTION 3. Benefits and Privileges** – Upon presentation of identification card duly
10 issued and validated by a recognized Philippine School, the student shall be entitle to the
11 following;

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13 a. A grant of twenty percent (20%) discount on transportation fares in all public
14 utility vehicles, ships or airplanes; Provided, that the fare discount shall be availed
15 of only during school seasons;
- 16 b. A grant of ten percent (10%) discount of medical and medical service in
17 government as well as private clinics;
- 18 c. A grant of ten percent (10%) discount on admission fees in museums, art
19 galleries, libraries and stage theaters; and
- 20 d. A grant of ten percent (10%) discount on basic school supplies, to be availed of at
21 enrollment time.

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23 **SECTION 4.** For the purpose of this Act, the schools, colleges, universities and
24 other educational institutions shall issue an identification card to their students duly signed
25 and validated by their heads. The identification card shall properly identify the student and
26 contain the list of privileges granted by this Act. The identification card is non-transferable
27 and violation hereof shall be a ground for the forfeiture of the privileges.

1 **SECTION 5.** Nothing in this Act shall be construed to diminish or abolish existing
2 privileges granted by other laws to the students.

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4 **SECTION 6.** All establishments and institution concerned, shall post or caused to be
5 posted, in conspicuous places within their premises, notices indicating the benefits provided
6 for under this Act.

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8 **SECTION 7.** Violation of any provision of this Act shall be punished according to
9 the following:

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11 a. First and second violations shall be punishable by imprisonment of not exceeding
12 one (1) month or a fine of not more than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or both
13 at the discretion of the Court;
- 14 b. Third violation shall be punishable by the same penalty and in addition,
15 revocation of license or permit to operate the business or establishment.

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17 In case of partnership, corporation, association, or group, the penalty shall be imposed
18 on the President, Treasurer, Secretary, or any other person responsible for the violation.

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20 If the offender is an alien, he shall after service of sentence, be deported immediately
21 without further proceedings by the Bureau of Immigration.

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23 **SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules*** – The Department of Education, Culture and
24 Sports and the Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with the Department of
25 Finance, Department of Transportation and Communication, and other concerned private and
26 public agencies, shall issue the implementing rules and regulation to ensure the effective
27 implementation of this Act.

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29 **SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause*** – All provisions of laws, orders, decrees, including
30 rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

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32 **SECTION 10. *Separability Clause*** – If any part or provision of this Act shall be
33 held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall
34 continue to be in full force and effect.

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36 **SECTION 11. *Effectivity*** – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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38 Approved,