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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The right to education avails every citizen the opportunity of fully develop his potentials and provides him with the knowledge and skill that would prove invaluable in his search of a better life.

This bill seeks the establishment of a Collegiate Scholarship Program for the children of all officers of the Philippine National Police to be known as "Children of Police Scholarship (COPS) Program."

This proposed program affords gifted and deserving students a chance to pursue their dreams of a brighter future, and at the same time, serve as motivation for PNP officers to continue in their service for the country.

In view of thereof, support and approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

  
**MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.**  
Senator

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AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR A COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO CHILDREN  
OF ALL OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) IN ANY  
STATE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY IN THE COUNTRY TO BE KNOWN  
AS "CHILDREN OF POLICE SCHOLARSHIP (COPS) PROGRAM"  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy** – The State as mandated by the Constitution  
2 shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall  
3 take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.  
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5           To this end, the State shall establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants,  
6 student loan programs, subsidies and other incentives which shall be available to deserving  
7 students in both public and private schools, specially to the underprivileged.  
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9           **SECTION 2. Establishment of the Program** – There shall be created under the  
10 supervision of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), a Collegiate  
11 Scholarship Program for the Children of all officers of the Philippine National Police  
12 Scholarship (COPS) Program".  
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14           **SECTION 3. Coverage** – The benefit of full scholarship assistance is herein granted  
15 to children of all officers of the PNP who are in active service.  
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17           For the purpose of this Act, full scholarship assistance shall include payment of  
18 expenses for tuition, miscellaneous and other fees, as well as cost of books and other  
19 materials.  
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1           **SECTION 4. *Entitlement*** – Only one (1) child from each PNP officer who is at the  
2 active service shall be entitled to the scholarship grant herein provided. Once a PNP officer  
3 has retired, his/her child shall cease to be a beneficiary of the scholarship grant in the  
4 succeeding school year.

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6           **SECTION 5.** The Department of Education, Culture and Sports shall issue the  
7 necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Scholarship Program.

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9           **SECTION 6.** The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act  
10 shall be charged to the appropriations for the State Scholarship Program of the Department of  
11 Education, Culture and Sports under the current General Appropriations Act and shall be  
12 included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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14           **SECTION 7.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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16           Approved,