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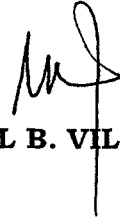
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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

To ensure the career growth of the members of AFP and PNP, and at the same time, to ensure that they keep up with their other counter parts in Asia in terms of knowledge and skills, the continuing education and human resource development of soldiers and policemen should be promoted.

In this regard, a scholarship program for deserving members of the AFP and the PNP as well as their dependents must be established for them to be further equipped with knowledge and skills that would help them advance in their careers.

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



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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TO**  
**DESERVING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE**  
**PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND APPROPRIATING**  
**FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. *Scholarship for Higher Learning* - There shall be free education for higher learning in government schools and a yearly assistance to a qualified and deserving member of the AFP and PNP and/or one (1) dependent of an indigent member of the AFP and PNP.

SECTION 2. *Participating Schools* - The recipient or grantee shall be accepted in any government school in any graduate, postgraduate, or any special education with diploma on higher education, as the case may be.

SECTION 3. *Basis of Yearly Assistance* - Aside from the scholarship, the yearly assistance or stipend that shall be extended every school year to the recipient or grantee shall be based on the matriculation fee per semester for that particular academic institution of the recipient's choice.

Such annual stipend or assistance shall be enjoyed by the grantee or recipient until the grantee successfully finishes his/her learning in the higher education course of his/her choice. But in the event the grantee drops out of school for unjustifiable reasons or fails in his/her course in one particular school year, he/she automatically forfeits all rights to such stipend or assistance

SECTION 4. *Appropriation* - The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be charged as additional appropriations for the Armed Forces of the Philippines or the Department of Interior and Local Government, whichever is applicable for the recipient or grantee, under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its implementation, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause* - All laws, Presidential Decrees, Executive Orders, rules and regulations which are contrary or inconsistent to the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*