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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

A greater number of children and minors of the soldiers and policemen killed by the insurgents or slain in the line of duty are unable to continue schooling or complete their secondary education because of the death of the breadwinner of the family.

This Act provides for educational benefits for minor orphaned children of soldiers and policemen. Its coverage includes: (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 benefits until they complete secondary education; and (c) those who are minors upon the approval of this Act.

Benefits include tuition and reasonable allowance for books, school, supplies, transportation, clothing and food.

For the sake of our gallant soldiers who are fighting for our country and policemen who are maintaining peace and order at the risk of their lives, this measure should be approved

  
JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA  
Senator

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**AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE MINOR  
CHILDREN OF SOLDIERS AND POLICEMEN WHO ARE KILLED BY  
INSURGENTS OR SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.**

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

**SECTION 1. *Educational Benefits for Orphaned Minor Children.***  
Minor children of soldiers in the Armed Forces of the Philippine or members 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.

**SECTION 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.

**SECTION 3. *Funds for Educational Benefits.*** – There is hereby  
authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the national Treasury not  
otherwise appropriated, the amount of Two hundred thousand pesos (P  
200,000.00) for the educational benefits of orphaned minor children of soldiers  
for the Armed Forces of the Philippines for the initial year operation. Thereafter,  
the amount required for said educational benefits shall be included in the annual  
appropriations of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

There is hereby also authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in  
the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount of Two hundred  
fifty thousand pesos (P 250,000.00) for the educational benefits of orphaned  
minor children of policemen for the National Police Commission for the initial  
year.

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

SECTION 4. **Coverage.** – This Act shall cover children whose father or mother were killed by insurgents or slain prior to the approval of this Act but who are minors upon the approval of this Act and those minors who are orphaned after approval of this Act.

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

SECTION 5. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect upon its approval and completion of publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved*