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DEPENDENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED OR
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The life of a law enforcement officer is full of danger. A great number of these gallant men and women lose their lives and risk their limbs in the fulfilment of their duty to maintain peace and order. The loss is magnified because of their sacrifice for the protection of the people's security directly affects the future of their dependents.

As recognition to the heroism of those who, in the line of duty, fall or those who are seriously injured making them incapable of performing their job, this bill intends to provide educational benefits to their children and other dependents. The benefits proposed under this measure are: tuition fees and a reasonable allowance for books, school supplies, transportation, clothing, and food. These will be provided until the completion of tertiary education. The proposed measure shall be made to retroact for the benefit of the qualified

children and dependents of those who were slain or permanently incapacitated in the line of duty before its approval.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is urged.


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

1 Section 1. *Full scholarship for Children and Dependents of Law Enforcement*
2 *Officers.* — Children and dependents of all members of law enforcement agencies,
3 killed or permanently incapacitated in the line of duty or by reason of their office or
4 position shall be entitled to full scholarship from basic education until their completion
5 of tertiary education.

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7 The benefits shall include all expenses for education, whether in public or
8 private school, such as but not limited to tuition fees, miscellaneous and other fees,
9 board and lodging, transportation expenses, allowances for books, clothing and food
10 and other similar expenses.

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1 Sec. 2. *Coverage.* — This Act shall cover children and dependents of all
2 members of any of the following law enforcement agencies, who was killed or
3 permanently incapacitated in the line of duty or by reason of their office or position:

4 (a) Armed Forces of the Philippines;

5 (b) Philippine National Police;

6 (c) National Bureau of Investigation;

7 (d) Philippine Coast Guard;

8 (e) Bureau of Corrections;

9 (f) Bureau of Fire Protection;

10 (g) Bureau of Jail Management and Penology; and

11 (h) Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

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13 Children whose parents were killed or permanently incapacitated in the line of
14 duty or by reason of their office or position prior to the approval of this Act shall also
15 be covered.

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17 SEC. 3. *Special Fund for Educational Benefits.* — In order to carry out the
18 provisions of this Act, there is hereby established a Special Fund, to be known as the
19 "Educational Benefits for Law Enforcement Fund", in the amount of One Hundred
20 Million Pesos (Php100,000,000.00). Such fund shall be perpetually maintained and
21 used exclusively for the benefit of those mentioned in Section 2 of this Act; *Provided,*
22 that not more than 5% of this Fund shall be used by the Board, herein created, for
23 the administration of the Special Fund.

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25 Sec. 2. *Law Enforcement Education Benefit Board.* — There shall be created
26 an inter-agency Law Enforcement Education Benefit Board or the Board, composed of
27 the Secretary of National Defense, Secretary of Interior and Local Government,
28 Secretary of Justice and Secretary of Transportation, as co-chairpersons; and one (1)
29 representative each from the following offices as members of the Board:

30 (1) Armed Forces of the Philippines;

- 1 (2) Philippine National Police;
- 2 (3) National Bureau of Investigation;
- 3 (4) Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency;
- 4 (5) Philippine Coast Guard;
- 5 (6) Director General of the Bureau of Corrections;
- 6 (7) Chief of the Bureau of Fire Protection; and
- 7 (8) Chief of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology.

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9 The Board shall have the primary responsibility of managing and supervising
10 the fund. It shall also formulate policies, implementing rules and regulations,
11 guidelines and other related functions to oversee, manage and supervise the
12 operations of the Fund. As such, it shall also be responsible for releasing educational
13 benefits enumerated in Section 1 of this Act, to qualified children or dependents as
14 recommended by the respective law enforcement agencies. It also shall be responsible
15 in formulating the mechanics, scope and limitations, and requirements for the
16 scholarship program.

17 The Board shall delegate the screening, admission, qualification,
18 disqualification and other scholarship-related availment processes to the respective
19 law enforcement offices.

20 There shall be established a secretariat of the *Law Enforcement Education*
21 *Benefit Board*, which shall provide administrative support to the Board and shall
22 perform functions as authorized by the Board.

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24 Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)*. — The Law Enforcement
25 Education Benefit Board, herein created shall promulgate, formulate and issue the
26 necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within sixty (60)
27 days from its creation.

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1 Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.* — Should any part or provisions of this Act be
2 declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof not affected thereby shall
3 remain in full force and effect.

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5 Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, or
6 parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified,
7 or amended accordingly.

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9 Sec. 8. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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12 *Approved,*