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	COMMITTEE REPORT NO.	7
Submitted jointly b and Finance on	y the Committees on Higher OCT 0 4 2022	, Technical and Vocational Education;
RE: Senate Bill No.	1360	
Recommending its a	approval in substitution of Sen	ate Bill Nos. 29 and 279
Sponsor: Sen. Fran	cis G. Escudero	

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education and Finance, to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 29**, introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr., entitled:

"AN ACT

EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION ACT'' and Senate Bill No. 279, introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada, entitled:

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have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **Senate Bill No.** 1360 prepared by the Committees entitled:

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be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 29 and 279, with Senators Revilla, Jr., Ejercito Estrada, Escudero and Angara as authors thereof.

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

Section 1. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 10931 or the "Universal Access to
 Quality Tertiary Education Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. TES for Filipino Students. - To support the cost of 3 tertiary education or any part or portion thereof, a TES is hereby 4 established IN ALL SUCS, LUCS, PRIVATE HEIS AND TVIS for all 5 Filipino students who [shall] enroll in **THE** undergraduate, post-6 secondary TERTIARY EDUCATION OR TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL 7 TRAINING program[s] [of SUCs, LUCs, private HEIs and all TVIs] OF 8 THEIR CHOICE. The TES shall be administered by the UniFAST Board 9 and the amount necessary to fund the TES shall be included in the 10 **RESPECTIVE** budgets of the CHED and the TESDA: *Provided*, That 11 prioritization shall be given to **QUALIFIED** students in the following 12 order: (a) students ENROLLED IN SUCS, LUCS and PUBLIC TVIs 13 who are part of households included in the UPDATED OR MOST 14

1 **RECENT** Listahanan 2.0, ranked according to the estimated per capita 2 household income; [and] (b) students ENROLLED IN SUCS, LUCS and PUBLIC TVIs WHO ARE not part of the Listahanan 2.0, ranked 3 according to estimated per capita household income based on 4 5 submitted documentation of proof of income to be determined by the 6 UniFAST Board[: Provided, further, That such prioritization shall not apply to Filipino students in cities and municipalities with no existing 7 SUC-or-LUC-campus]; (C) STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN 8 PRIVATE HEIS AND TVIS IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES 9 10 WHERE THERE ARE NO ESTABLISHED SUC, LUC, OR PUBLIC TVI; AND (D) STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN PRIVATE 11 HEIS AND TVIS IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WHERE 12 THERE ARE ESTABLISHED SUCS, LUCS, OR PUBLIC TVIS: 13 **PROVIDED, THAT THE CHED, IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER** 14 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED AND IN ACCORDANCE 15 WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, SHALL DETERMINE THE 16 AMOUNT OF SUBSIDIES TO **BE GRANTED, AND** THE 17 **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR TES BENEFICIARIES.** 18

"TO SUPPORT THE COST OF TERTIARY EDUCATION OR ANY PART OR PORTION THEREOF, [T]the TES may, among
 others, [and-to-support-the-cost-of-tertiary-education-or-any-part-or
 portion-thereof,] cover the following:

- (a) Tuition and other school fees in private HEIs, and private or
 LGU-operated TVIs which shall be equivalent to the tuition
 and other school fees of the nearest SUC or state-run TVI
 in their respective areas;
- SCHOOL supplies, for books, (b) [An] **A**[a]llowance 27 AND FROM SCHOOL, and transportation TO 28 [miscellaneous-personal-expenses, including-a] reasonable 29 allowance for the documented rental or purchase of a 30 [personal-computer-or-laptop] DESKTOP OR PORTABLE 31

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 COMPUTERS and other education-related expenses, IF

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 APPLICABLE;

- 3 (c) An allowance for room and board costs incurred by the
 4 student **IF APPLICABLE**;
- 5 (d) xxx.
- 6 (e) xxx.

ALL TES BENEFICIARIES SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE 7 8 SUCH BENEFITS OR SUBSIDY UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE UNDERGRADUATE, POST-SECONDARY 9 TERTIARY **EDUCATION** 10 OR **TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL** PROGRAMS: PROVIDED, THAT THE TES BENEFICIARIES 11 SHALL COMPLY WITH THE RETENTION AND RESIDENCY 12 **REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND** 13 **REGULATIONS OF THE HEIS AND TVIS."** 14

15 Sec. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or 16 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise 17 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Sec. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

22 Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication 23 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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