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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Apart from the tuition fee, our students and their parents are saddled with other expenses such as transportation, school supplies, books, medical and dental fees, and also, admission fees to galleries, museums and stage theatres.

Indeed, the cost of education has considerably increased over the years. At present, only a fortunate handful is able to go to school and actually finish college.

Such scenario has been detrimental to our national development as many of our young people drop out of school.

This proposed bill seeks to ease the pressure of very high educational cost on parents and students by granting them additional privileges.

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


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AN ACT
GRANTING PRIVILEGES TO STUDENTS AT ALL LEVELS ON
BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title* – This Act shall be known as the “Student Privilege Act.”

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3 SECTION 2. *Definition of Terms* – As used in this Act, the term “student” shall
4 mean any resident citizen of the Philippines, regardless of age, and duly enrolled in
5 the elementary, secondary or tertiary level in any public, or private academic
6 institution recognized by the Department of Education and the Commission on
7 Higher Education.

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9 SECTION 3. *Benefits and Privileges* – Upon presentation of identification
10 card duly issued and validated by a recognized Philippine School, the student shall
11 be entitle to the following;

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13 a. A grant of twenty percent (20%) discount on transportation fares in all
14 public utility vehicles, ships or airplanes; Provided, that the fare discount
15 shall be availed of only during school seasons;
- 16 b. A grant of ten percent (10%) discount of medical and medical service in
17 government as well as private clinics;
- 18 c. A grant of ten percent (10%) discount on admission fees in museums, art
19 galleries, libraries and stage theaters; and
- 20 d. A grant of ten percent (10%) discount on basic school supplies, to be
21 availed of at enrollment time.

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23 SECTION 4. For the purpose of this Act, the schools, colleges, universities
24 and other educational institutions shall issue an identification card to their students
25 duly signed and validated by their heads. The identification card shall properly
26 identify the student and contain the list of privileges granted by this Act. The
27 identification card is non-transferable and violation hereof shall be a ground for the
28 forfeiture of the privileges.

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30 SECTION 5. *Nothing in this Act shall be construed to diminish or abolish*
31 *existing privileges granted by other laws to the students.*

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2 SECTION 6. All establishments and institution concerned, shall post or
3 caused to be posted, in conspicuous places within their premises, notices indicating
4 the benefits provided for under this Act.

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6 SECTION 7. Violation of any provision of this Act shall be punished
7 according to the following:

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9 a. First and second violations shall be punishable by imprisonment of not
10 exceeding one (1) month or a fine of not more than One Thousand Pesos
11 (P1,000.00) or both at the discretion of the Court;
12 b. Third violation shall be punishable by the same penalty and in addition,
13 revocation of license or permit to operate the business or establishment.
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15 In case of partnership, corporation, association, or group, the penalty shall be
16 imposed on the President, Treasurer, Secretary, or any other person responsible for
17 the violation.
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19 If the offender is an alien, he shall after service of sentence, be deported
20 immediately without further proceedings by the Bureau of Immigration.
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22 SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules* – The Department of Education and the
23 Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with the Department of Finance,
24 Department of Transportation and Communication, and other concerned private and
25 public agencies, shall issue the implementing rules and regulation to ensure the
26 effective implementation of this Act.
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28 SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause* – All provisions of laws, orders, decrees,
29 including rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or
30 modified accordingly.
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32 SECTION 10. *Separability Clause* – If any part or provision of this Act shall
33 be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected
34 thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
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36 SECTION 11. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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