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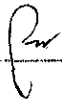


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our government has the innate duty to promote the welfare of house helpers who are considered one of the vulnerable groups among the workers in our society. It is a glaring truth that most domestic or house helps fail to obtain proper education, not because they don't want to, but mainly due to the nature of their work and their low income.


This act is based on the premise that it is the policy of the State to give priority to EDUCATION, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. Our Constitution further affirms labor as a primary social economic force and it shall protect the rights of workers and promote their WELFARE.

Hence, with the state policies being the premise, it is high time that our house helpers' social welfare and personal improvement be effectively sought and recognized by providing them proper education, through the approval of this bill.


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**AN ACT
GRANTING SCHOLARSHIPS TO HOUSEHOLD HELPERS AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Household
Helpers Scholarship Act of 2011."

SEC. 2. Scope. - This shall cover all qualified household
helpers as defined in the Labor Code of the Philippines.

Under the Labor Code, domestic or household helpers are
those who render service in the employer's home which is usually
necessary or desirable for the maintenance and enjoyment thereof
and includes ministering to the personal comfort and convenience of
the members of the employer's household, including services of, but
not limited to, babysitter, gardener, yaya, cleaning lady, laundry
woman, and the like.

SEC. 3. Scholarship Grant. - All government-owned
educational institutions shall provide scholarship grants to deserving
household helpers which shall include free tuition fee, subsidies and
other incentives: Provided, that all household helpers who apply for
said scholarship program should pass a screening process to be
instituted by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), State
Universities and the Technical Education and Skills Development
Authority (TESDA).

SEC. 4. Tuition fee discount - The discount to be granted to
qualified and deserving household helpers under this Act who enroll
in private educational institutions shall be sixty percent (60%) of
the prescribed tuition fee.

As used in this Act, the term tuition fee shall refer to the cost of instruction per unit of courses enrolled by a student, especially in a formal institution of learning.

SEC. 5. Exemption from Miscellaneous fee – all qualified household workers shall be exempted from the payment of Miscellaneous fees charged by the schools.

SEC. 6. Availment – The privilege under this Act may be availed in any government-owned educational institution.

The benefits must be claimed at the time of enrollment by presenting an authentic certification signed by the employer stating that the enrollee renders household services to him/her. The concerned institution may be allowed to summon the employer for verification purposes.

SEC. 7. Guidelines for Implementation - The Department of Labor and the Department of Education shall jointly formulate guidelines for the availment of benefits under this Act.

SEC. 8. Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the government-owned educational institution concerned. The Department of Education may augment the funds necessary for the proper enforcement of this Act.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. – Any provision of law, decree, order, rule or regulations in conflict or inconsistent with provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect 15 days after publication in at least two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,