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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 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 fall in the line of duty, this bill intends to provide educational benefits to their children and other dependents who have not reached the age of majority. 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 secondary education. The proposed measure shall be made to retroact for the benefit of the qualified children and dependents of those who were slain in the line of duty before its approval.

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


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR MINOR CHILDREN AND
DEPENDENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED OR SLAIN IN
THE LINE OF DUTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Educational Benefits for Orphaned Minor Children and**
2 **Dependents.** - Minor children and dependents of soldiers in the Armed Forces of the
3 Philippines (AFP), members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), and other law
4 enforcement agencies, killed or slain in the line of duty shall be entitled to educational
5 benefits from the time of the death of the parent who was part of a law enforcement
6 agency up to the time of said children and dependent's completion of secondary
7 education.

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9 The benefits shall include tuition fees, reasonable allowance for books, school
10 supplies, transportation, clothing and food.

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12 **SEC. 2. Administration of the Education Benefits System.** - The Chief of
13 Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines or the head of the agency concerned shall
14 designate the officer who shall administer the educational benefit system for the
15 orphaned minor children or dependents covered under this Act.

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17 The Chairperson of the National Police Commission shall designate the office in
18 the Commission which shall administer the educational benefit system for the orphaned
19 minor children or dependents of policemen and policewomen and promulgate rules and
20 regulations therefor.

1 **SEC. 3. *Funds for Educational Benefits.*** - There is hereby authorized to
2 be appropriated, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
3 the amount of Fifty Million Pesos (Php50,000,000.00) for the educational benefits of
4 orphaned minor children or dependents covered under this Act for the initial year of
5 operation. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the said educational benefits shall be
6 included in the annual appropriations of the concerned agency.

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8 **SEC. 4. *Coverage.*** - This Act shall cover minor children whose father or
9 mother was killed or slain in the line of duty. Children whose parents were killed in the
10 line of duty prior to the approval of this Act but who are still minors upon its approval
11 shall also be covered.

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13 Beneficiaries who reach the age of majority but remain unmarried while enjoying
14 the benefits of this Act yet have not completed their secondary education shall continue
15 to be entitled to benefits until they complete secondary education.

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17 **SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).*** - The Chief of Staff
18 of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Chairperson of the National Police
19 Commission in consultation with all appropriate government agencies and non-
20 government organizations shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations
21 for the implementation of this Act.

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23 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** - Should any part or provisions of this Act be
24 declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof not affected thereby shall remain
25 in full force and effect.

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27 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, orders, decrees, rules and
28 regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
29 repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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31 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
32 publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general application.

Approved,