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**AN ACT GRANTING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE DEPENDENTS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI), PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA) AND PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) WHO ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY OR BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR POSITION**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Government service, ordinarily, does not involve risk to one's life and limb. There is, however, a certain type of government service where putting one's life on the line is a matter of course. This is the situation of soldiers, policemen, fire fighters and generally those who serve and protect the general public. Specifically these are the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (*AFP*), Philippine National Police(*PNP*), Bureau of Fire(*BFP*), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology(*BJMP*), National Bureau of Investigation(*NBI*), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency(*PDEA*), and Philippine Coast Guard *PCG*). They should be given extra care and consideration, especially to the needs of their family, should something happen to them.

The risks inherent in the performance of their duties should not put the welfare of their families to chance. Government must provide for family expenses of these government personnel in case of necessity.

This measure, which intends to provide educational scholarships to the surviving children or beneficiaries of such government personnel, will be the least we can do for the sacrifices of our fallen heroes.

I urge my colleagues to support the immediate passage of this bill to assure these protectors of the state and the people perform their duties with peace of mind for the welfare of their families.

  
**VICENTE C. SOTTO III**



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

- 1 **Section 1.** *Short Title-* This Act shall be known as the “ AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP,
- 2 NBI, PDEA and PCG Educational Assistance and Benefits Act of 2015”
- 3 **Section 2.** *Declaration of Policy-* It is hereby declared policy of the State to
- 4 recognize the vital role of the members of the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI, PDEA
- 5 and PCG in the maintenance of peace and public order in our country and to
- 6 ensure that the dependents of those who were killed in action or were
- 7 permanently incapacitated while in the performance of their duty or by reason
- 8 of their office or position are provided with educational assistance and benefits.

1 **Section 3. Definition of Terms-**

2 a. Incapacity- shall refer to physical or mental ill-health or infirmity  
3 which is (i) permanent, (ii) prevented a member from following his  
4 normal employment, and (iii) seriously impaired earning capacity

5 **Section 4. Grant of Educational Assistance and Benefits-** All the surviving  
6 children of the deceased or permanently incapacitated members of the Armed  
7 Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire  
8 Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), National  
9 Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and  
10 Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) shall automatically and without qualification be  
11 extended full scholarship from elementary to tertiary level in a nonexclusive  
12 institution. The scholarship privilege shall include but not limited to payment  
13 of tuition and miscellaneous fees, allowance for books and school supplies and  
14 allowance for food and transportation.

15 **Section 5. Appropriation-** The amounts necessary to fund the educational  
16 assistance and benefits mentioned above shall be taken from the Philippine  
17 Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) and the proceeds of the license fees for  
18 firearms collected by the Philippine National Police (PNP).

19 **Section 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.-** The AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP,  
20 NBI, PDEA and PCG and other government agencies concerned shall issue  
21 within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the necessary rules and  
22 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

23 **SECTION 7. Separability Clause.-** If any provision or part hereof is held invalid  
24 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise  
25 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

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27 **SECTION 8. Repealing Clause.-** All laws, presidential decrees or issuances,  
28 executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules and  
29 regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this ACT are  
30 hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

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32 **SECTION 9. Effectivity.-** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
33 complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*