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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 254

Submitted jointly by the *Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation and the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture* on SEP 16 2015.

Re : Senate Bill No. 2952

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2687

Sponsors : Senators Antonio F. Trillanes IV and Vicente C. Sotto III

Mr. President:

The Committee on *Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation and the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture* to which was referred Senate Bill No. 2687, introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III, entitled:

**"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**

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have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 2952 prepared by the Committees, entitled:

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be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2687, with Senators Sotto III, Trillanes IV, Cayetano, Pia as authors thereof.

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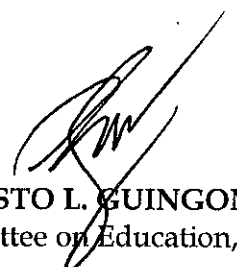
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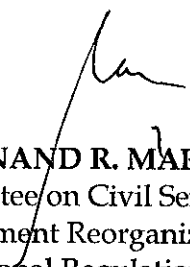


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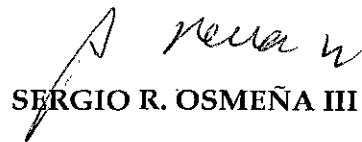
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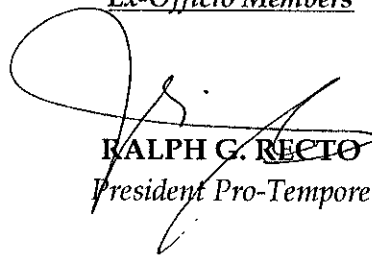


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AN ACT

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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 "*Uniformed Personnel*
2 *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 Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP),
5 Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail
6 Management and Penology (BJMP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Philippine Drug
7 Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and Bureau of Corrections
8 (BuCor) in the maintenance of peace and public order in our country and to ensure that the
9 dependents of those who are killed in action or are permanently incapacitated while in the

1 performance of their duty or by reason of their office or position are provided with
2 educational assistance and benefits.

3 **SECTION 3. *Permanent incapacity; Definition.*** - Permanent Incapacity shall refer to
4 physical or mental ill-health or infirmity which is: (i) permanent, (ii) prevents a member from
5 pursuing his normal employment, and (iii) seriously impairs his earning capacity.

6 **SECTION 4. *Grant of Educational Assistance and Benefits.*** - All the surviving
7 children of the members of the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI, PDEA, PCG and BuCor who
8 are killed or permanently incapacitated while in the performance of their duty or by reason of
9 their office or position shall automatically and without qualification be extended full
10 scholarship from elementary to tertiary level whether baccalaureate, formal or non-formal
11 education or training program in a non-exclusive school or institution. The scholarship
12 privilege shall include, but shall not be limited to, payment of tuition and miscellaneous fees,
13 allowance for books and school supplies and allowance for food and transportation.

14 **SECTION 5. *Uniformed Personnel Scholarship Board.*** - The scholarship funds
15 collected hereunder shall be managed and administered by an inter-agency scholarship board
16 to be known as the Uniformed Personnel Scholarship Board, which shall be created and
17 formally organized within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act. The Board shall be
18 composed of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government and
19 Secretary of the Department of National Defense as Co-chairmen and one (1) member each to
20 represent the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI, PDEA, PCG and BuCor.

21 The Board shall serve as the policy making body vested with the authority to come-up
22 with the mechanics, scope and limitations, and requirements for scholarship program
23 pursuant to the objectives of this Act. The Board shall, however, delegate the responsibility to

1 implement the screening, admission, disqualification and other scholarship-related availment
2 processes to the respective scholarship bodies of the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI, PDEA,
3 PCG and BuCor, in accordance with the guidelines to be prescribed by the Board.

4 **SECTION 6. *Authority to accept donations; Tax exemption.*** - The Board shall have
5 the authority to accept donations, contributions, grants in cash or in kind, from appropriate
6 sources, domestic or foreign. Said donations shall be used exclusively to complement the
7 funding requirements of the scholarship program subject to the existing government
8 accounting and auditing rules and regulations; *Provided*, That any donation, contribution or
9 financial aid which may be made to the Board shall be exempt from taxes of any kind and
10 shall constitute allowable deductions in full from the income of the donors, contributors or
11 givers for income tax purposes. Furthermore, the Board is authorized to invest so much of the
12 idle funds as may be necessary for the purpose of generating additional revenue for the
13 benefit of the scholarship program.

14 **SECTION 7. *Appropriation.*** - The amount necessary to fund the educational
15 assistance and benefits specified above shall be included in the respective annual budgets of
16 the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI, PDEA, PCG and BuCor to be enacted as part of the annual
17 General Appropriations Act; *Provided*, That any deficiencies in the financial requirements
18 may be taken from savings on the personal services of the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI,
19 PDEA, PCG and BuCor and the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Funds (MPBF); *Provided*,
20 *further*, That the Uniformed Personnel Scholarship Board may, consistent with Sec. 5 of this
21 Act, identify, develop and/or generate additional sources of funds to further support this
22 scholarship program.

1 **SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Uniformed Personnel
2 Scholarship Board herein created shall formulate and issue, within sixty (60) days from its
3 creation, the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

4 **SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision or part hereof is held illegal,
5 invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected
6 shall remain valid and subsisting.

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8 **SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.*** - Presidential Decree No. 577 is hereby repealed.
9 RA 6963 and all other laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of
10 instruction, administrative orders, rules and regulation or parts thereof which are contrary to
11 or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended
12 accordingly.

13 **SECTION 11. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the country or in
15 the Official Gazette.

16 *Approved,*