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BROADENING THE OPPORTUNITIES OF FILIPINO YOUTH BY  
ALLOWING GRADUATES OF K-12 ENHANCED EDUCATION IN THE  
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PNP LAW, R.A. 6975 AS AMENDED BY R.A. 8551**

In the Philippine context, education remains a top priority. Despite the various development plans and projects formulated by the government and different sectors, the quality of Philippine education still leaves much room for improvement.

As part of the efforts of the present administration to respond to the perceived needs of the education sector, the Department of Education (DepEd) had pushed for the implementation of the “Enhanced K to 12 Basic Education Program.”<sup>1</sup>

The k-12 enhanced education program was designed, among others, to solve the ballooning unemployment in the country by arming students with true mastery of basic competencies and necessary skills to enter into the work force.

Less than half of all high school graduates finish college and even less earn a baccalaureate degree due to financial constraints. Graduates of the k-12 program, however, were assured that they stand a chance even without a college degree.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://dirp3.pids.gov.ph/ris/eid/pidseid1202.pdf>

This bill seeks to level the playing field for the children of poor families who cannot afford to send them to college by lowering the education requirement for police applicants.

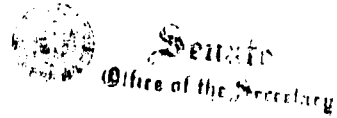
Currently, the PNP, as mandated by Republic Act 8551, only accepts college graduates for recruits. Through this measure, graduates of the k-12 program may be admitted to the Philippine National Police (PNP), provided that the applicant passes all the examinations, including the entrance test administered by the National Police Commission.

Applicants are still required to adhere to the PNP's general qualifications, which include the height, weight and age requirement, among others.

Approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

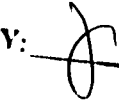
  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           **SECTION 1.** It is a declared policy of the State that the youth plays a vital  
2 role in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual,  
3 intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and  
4 nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs. Through this  
5 legislation, the opportunities for Filipino youth will be broadened by opening the  
6 admission of the Philippine National Police (PNP) to graduates of the K-12 enhanced  
7 education program.

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9           **SECTION 2.** The existing provisions on the General Qualifications for  
10 Appointment in the PNP in RA 6975, as amended by RA 8551, is hereby amended to  
11 read as follows:

- 12           a) A citizen of the Philippines;
- 13           b) A person of good moral conduct;
- 14           c) Must have passed the psychiatric/psychological, drug and physical tests to  
15           be administered by the PNP or by any NAPOLCOM accredited

1 government hospital for the purpose of determining physical and mental  
2 health;

3 d) Must HAVE COMPLETED THE K-12 ENHANCED EDUCATION  
4 PROGRAM [possess a formal baccalaureate degree from a recognized  
5 institution of learning];

6 e) Must be eligible in accordance with the standards set by the Commission;

7 f) Must not have been dishonorably discharged from the military  
8 employment or dismissed for cause from any civilian position in the  
9 Government;

10 g) Must not have been convicted by final judgment of an offense or crime  
11 involving moral turpitude;

12 h) Must be at least one meter and sixty-two centimeters (1.62 m.) in height  
13 for male and one meter and fifty-seven centimeters (1.57 m.) for female;

14 i) Must weight not more or less than five kilograms (5 kgs.) from the  
15 standard weight corresponding to his or her height, age, and sex; and

16 j) For a new applicant, must not be less than twenty-one (21) nor more than  
17 thirty (30) years of age: except for the last qualification, the above-  
18 enumerated qualifications shall be continuing in character and a absence of  
19 any one of them at any given time shall be a ground for separation or  
20 retirement from the service: Provided, that PNP members who are already  
21 in the service upon the effectivity of this Act shall be given at least two (2)  
22 more years to obtain the minimum educational qualification and one (1)  
23 year to satisfy the weight requirement.

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26 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
27 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

28 Approved,