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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A UNESCO report recently elucidated on how the Philippines failed to reach its Year 2015 targets on the Millennium Development Goals of Education for All. One of the goals set is for our country to Improve on the Quality of our Education. It simplifies the four (4) strategies to achieve this, one of which is to overcome the inequalities in learning by allocating the best teachers to the most challenging parts of our country. Thus, this bill seeks to respond to the need to provide more teachers in the rural areas where there is seemingly a dearth in good teachers that arises in the inequality of the quality of education of our learners, especially in the public school.

It is envisioned that by establishing a scholarship program for deserving students who want to pursue a career in teacher education, the government shall be developing highly qualified educators to serve in the remote rural areas of our country. The incentive is for the student to acquire a four-year full-time scholarship and the security of an employment upon graduation.

In view of the urgent need to be able to accomplish the MDGs, though belatedly, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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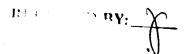
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Teacher Education Scholarship Program of 2016".

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2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to give SEC. technology, culture, and sports to priority education, science and arts, social progress, and patriotism and nationalism. accelerate foster Towards this end, the total human liberation and development. promote State shall continue to develop programs that will encourage the youth to opportunities for teaching provide them with education in and employment by serving their countrymen as rural teachers.

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Objectives. Α scholarship program shall be SEC. 3. General Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor students pursuing a deserving to Science in Education degree or training in teacher education to provide said students with incentives to pursue a teaching career in their home regions or in other rural areas.

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18 19 SEC 4. **Scholarship Program** - This Act envisions a four-year full-time Teacher Education Scholarship Program, hereinafter referred to as the Program, to be offered to deserving students, based on meritocracy for those eligible, who will take up teacher

education or Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Education, or any other teacher training program or course under Republic Act No. 7836, otherwise known as the "Philippine Teachers Professionalization Act of 1994."

of The graduates the **Program** shall render services and be integrated into any public school in their home region or other rural public elementary or secondary school in the Philippines as provided for under Section 6 of this Act.

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- SEC. 5. Eligibility and Qualifications. Without prejudice to the minimum requirements set forth in Republic Act No. 10687 or the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Act, there shall be an annual selection through appropriate examinations and screening processes of those who shall be admitted to the Program. The candidates shall be chosen from among qualified secondary whether private from the public high The qualified or schools. and selected scholars shall granted enroll teacher be scholarship to in a matriculation education course covering expenses for and other textbooks, fees, prescribed clothing school supplies and equipment, and uniform allowances, and other related miscellaneous expense.
- At least ten (10) candidates per province shall be chosen to participate in the Program every year.

An applicant whose family's combined gross income falls below the official poverty threshold as determined by the National Economic and Development Authority or those whose parent is a barangay worker, government employee, or a member of an indigenous cultural community shall be given priority in the selection.

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- SEC. 6. *General Conditions for Admission to the Scholarship.* A teacher education scholar shall be accepted to the Program and shall receive and continue to enjoy the benefits of the scholarship until the completion of the course, subject to the following conditions:
- a) The shall admission scholar pass the entrance or examinations and related requirements of the where the school scholar intends to enroll;
- b) The scholar shall carry the full load of subjects prescribed per semester and shall, under circumstance, drop a which will no course result in under-loading;
- 35 c) The scholar ınay be allowed, for valid defer reasons, to 36 enrollment and of availing of the scholarship for a period not exceeding 37 one school year;

- d) Upon completion of the and other course relevant training, shall teach in the scholar agree to any public elementary or secondary in the scholar's home region or in any rural public school for a period of at least five (5) years;
- e) The scholar shall repay the full cost of the scholarship and benefits received in the event of the scholar's failure to complete the teaching education course without valid cause; and
- f) The scholar shall sign an agreement stating the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

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SEC. 6. Secretariat. - The Chair of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) may create a Secretariat to provide administrative and technical assistance to effectively and efficiently implement the Program. It shall perform the duties and responsibilities as may be determined and delegated by the CHED Chair. The support staff, as may be created, shall be recruited preferably from any accredited teacher organization or the academe.

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- Contributions. The SEC. 7. Donations, Grants and Other bequest, CHED accept donation, contribution, grant, in cash may any or by individuals whether local or foreign, which may be made organizations, to fund the Program. Such donation, contribution, bequest, grant, in cash or services shall be exempt from the donor's tax and the same shall be considered as an allowable deduction from the gross income in the computation of the income tax of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.
- Proceeds from at least two (2) draws of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes every year shall also be allocated to finance the Program.

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Fifty SEC. 8. of; Million Pesos Appropriations. The sum appropriated initial implementation of (Php50,000,000.00) is hereby for the this Act. Thereafter, such funds necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the appropriations of the CHED in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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SEC. 9. **Implementing** Rules and Regulations. Within sixty of (60)this the CHED from · the approval Act, shall, days in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and in consultation with schools offering education for teachers and other relevant stakeholders, issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

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2	SEC. 10. Separability Clause If any provision or part of this Act
3	is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions
4	not affected shall remain in full force and effect.
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6	SEC. 11. Repealing Clause All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
7	regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of
8	this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC, 12. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication Official in the Gazetteor in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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