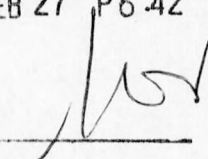




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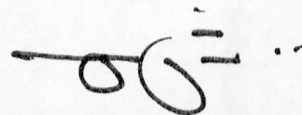
As guaranteed under our Constitution, the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Accessibility covers not only academic policies but also facilities such as school building, equipment and dormitory.

With the issuance of Free Tuition Policy in all State Universities and Colleges for SY2017-2018, we are supporting everyone's dream to finish their education and be able to have a decent life ahead. The additional 8 Billion for Free Tuition Fee of all students enrolled in all SUCs does not cover miscellaneous and other school expenses such as dormitory fees of students residing in different province or municipality. In making their tuition fees free, statistics showed that the same is not a guarantee for student's retention in State Universities and Colleges. Miscellaneous and other school fee are more

expensive than the tuition fee itself. Tuition fee is only 30-40% of the total expenses of students enrolled in SUCs.

Some students will not go to school despite making their tuition fees free due to other expenses. By means of providing free dormitory to those qualified students, the constitutional mandate that education shall be free and accessible to all will be served.

In view thereof the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JOE EJERCITO', with a horizontal line extending to the left.

JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

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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 "*Free Dormitory Act of*
2 *2017.*"

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - As guaranteed under our Constitution, the State
4 shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all
5 levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.
6 The State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education.

7 It is hereby declared that accessible and quality education is an inalienable right
8 of every Filipino. Access to education covers not only academic policies but also
9 facilities such as school building, equipment and dormitory. By means of
10 providing free dormitory to those qualified students, the constitutional
11 mandate that the state must make education free and accessible to all will be
12 served.

13 **SEC. 3. Coverage.** - All Filipino citizens who are either currently enrolled at the
14 time of effectivity of this Act, or shall enroll at any time thereafter, in courses in
15 pursuance of a bachelor's degree, certificate degree, or any comparable
16 undergraduate degree in any State Universities or Colleges subject to the
17 qualifications herein provided.

1 **Sec. 3.1. Qualifications-** Student must be enrolled in SUC with residence
2 address located at least twenty (20) kilometers away from the school and
3 without sufficient means to pay for monthly rentals for a place near the
4 University or College during the enrolled semesters.

5 **SEC. 4. Establishment and Administration of Dormitories** - SUCs in
6 coordination with the Local Government Unit concerned are tasked to identify
7 idle land within or outside the school premises to be used for the establishment
8 of dormitories. SUC officers will manage and administer the operation of the
9 dormitories.

10 **SEC. 10. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the
11 implementation of this Act shall be initially charged against the fifty percent
12 (50%) share of the National Government from the annual gross income of the
13 Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR). Thereafter, such
14 amounts necessary to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
15 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

16 **SEC. 11. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within (60) days from the
17 effectivity of this Act, the CHED together with SUC Officials shall promulgate
18 the implementing rules and regulations necessary to ensure the efficient and
19 effective implementation of this Act.

20 **SEC. 12. Repealing Clause.** - The provisions of other laws, decrees, executive
21 orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
22 amended, or modified accordingly.

23 **SEC. 13. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24 publication in the Official Gazette and/or in at least two (2) national
25 newspapers in general circulation.

Approved,