

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC )  
OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
First Regular Session )

SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 102

Submitted Jointly by the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means and Finance on MAY 22 2017

Re: Senate Bill No. 1463

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 219, 285 and 1123

Sponsor: Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means and Finance to which were referred Senate Bill No. 219, 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), PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG), AND BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) WHO ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY OR BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR POSITION"**

Senate Bill No. 285, introduced by, Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV 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), PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) AND BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) WHO ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY OR BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR POSITION"**



'17 MAY 22 P12:48

RECEIVED BY: [Signature]

Senate Bill No. 1123, introduced by Senator Grace Poe, entitled:

**“AN ACT PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS TO SURVIVING CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WHO WERE SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY, CREATING THE PNP EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 1463, prepared by the Committees, 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), PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) AND BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) WHO ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY OR BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR POSITION”**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 219, 285, and 1123 with Senators Vicente C. Sotto, III, Antonio “Sonny” F. Trillanes IV, Grace Poe, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Sonny Angara and Loren B. Legarda as authors thereof.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**



**FRANCIS “CHIZ” G. ESCUDERO**  
*Chairperson, Committee on Education, Arts and Culture; Vice Chairperson, Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Member, Committees on Ways and Means and Finance*



**ANTONIO “SONNY” F. TRILLANES IV**  
*Chairperson, Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Member, Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means and Finance*

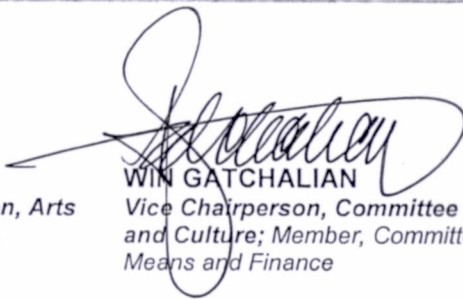


**LOREN B. LEGARDA**  
*Chairperson, Committee on Finance; Vice Chairperson, Committee on Ways and Means; Member, Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Education, Arts and Culture*

**SONNY ANGARA**  
*Chairperson, Committee on Ways and Means; Vice Chairperson, Committees on Education, Arts and Culture and Finance*



**JOEL VILLANUEVA**  
Vice Chairperson, Committees on Education, Arts and Culture and Ways and Means; Member, Committee on Finance



**WIN GATCHALIAN**  
Vice Chairperson, Committee on Education, Arts and Culture; Member, Committees on Ways and Means and Finance



**JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO**  
Vice Chairperson, Committee on Education, Arts and Culture; Member, Committees on Ways and Means and Finance




**PAOLO BENIGNO "BAM" AQUINO IV**  
Vice Chairperson, Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means and Finance; Member, Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation;



**CYNTHIA A. VILLAR**  
Vice Chairperson, Committee on Finance; Member, Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization Professional Regulation and Education, Arts and Culture



**PANFILO M. LACSON**  
Vice Chairperson, Committee on Finance; Member, Committee on Ways and Means

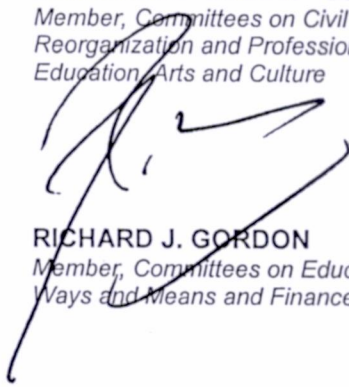


**EMMANUEL "MANNY" D. PACQUIAO**  
Member, Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Education, Arts and Culture

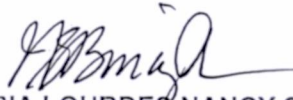
Members



**GREGORIO B. HONASAN II**  
Member, Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance



**RICHARD J. GORDON**  
Member, Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means and Finance



**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Member, Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means and Finance



**RISA HONTIVEROS**  
Member, Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means and Finance



**GRACE POE**  
Member, Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means and Finance



**JUAN MIGUEL "MIGZ" F. ZUBIRI**  
Member, Committees on Ways and Means and Finance



**FRANCIS "KIKO" PANGILINAN**  
Member, Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means and Finance

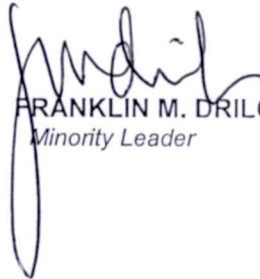
**Ex-Officio Members:**



RALPH G. RECTO  
*Senate President-Pro Tempore*



VICENTE C. SOTTO III  
*Majority Leader*



FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
*Minority Leader*

HON. AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III  
*President  
Senate of the Philippines*

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE )  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
First Regular Session )

'17 MAY 22 12:48

SENATE

S. No. **1463**

RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(In Substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 219, 285 and 1123)

---

Prepared Jointly by the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means and Finance with Senators Vicente C. Sotto, III, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, Grace Poe, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Sonny Angara and Loren B. Legarda as authors

---

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), PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) AND BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) WHO ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY OR BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR POSITION

*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 and Law*  
2       *Enforcement Personnel Educational Assistance and Benefits Act of 2017*".  
3

4       **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared policy of the State to  
5 recognize the vital role of the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP),  
6 Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail  
7 Management and Penology (BJMP), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Philippine Drug  
8 Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and Bureau of Corrections  
9 (BuCor) in the maintenance of peace and public order in our country and to ensure that the  
10 dependents of those who are killed in action or are permanently incapacitated while in the  
11 performance of their duty or by reason of their office or position are provided with  
12 educational assistance and benefits.  
13

14       **SECTION 3. Permanent incapacity; Definition.** – Permanent Incapacity shall refer  
15 to physical or mental ill-health or infirmity which is: (i) permanent, (ii) prevents a member  
16 from pursuing his or her normal employment, and (iii) seriously impairs his or her earning  
17 capacity.  
18

19       **SECTION 4. Grant of Educational Assistance and Benefits.** – All the surviving  
20 children of the members of the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI, PDEA, PCG and BuCor who  
21 are killed or permanently incapacitated while in the performance of their duty or by reason of  
22 their office or position shall automatically and without qualification be extended full

1 scholarship from kindergarten to tertiary level whether baccalaureate, formal or non-formal  
2 education or training program in a non-exclusive school or institution; Provided, that the  
3 surviving spouse if he or she so desires may also avail of the benefit; Provided further, that, if  
4 the deceased or disabled personnel is single, his or her qualified dependent siblings may also  
5 avail of this benefit. The scholarship privilege shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
6 payment of tuition and miscellaneous fees, allowance for books and school supplies and  
7 allowance for food and transportation.

8 **SECTION 5. *Uniformed and Law Enforcement Personnel Scholarship Board.*** –

9 The scholarship funds collected hereunder shall be managed and administered in accordance  
10 with the policies formulated by an inter-agency scholarship board to be known as the  
11 Uniformed and Law Enforcement Personnel Scholarship Board, which shall be created and  
12 formally organized within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act. The Board shall be  
13 composed of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the  
14 Secretary of Justice, the Secretary of Transportation and Secretary of the Department of  
15 National Defense, or their alternatives, as Co-chairmen and one (1) member each to represent  
16 the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI, PDEA, PCG and BuCor.

17  
18 The Board shall serve as the policy making body vested with the authority to come-up  
19 with the mechanics, scope and limitations, and requirements for scholarship program  
20 pursuant to the objectives of this Act. The Board shall, however, delegate the responsibility to  
21 implement the screening, admission, qualification, disqualification and other scholarship-  
22 related availment processes to the respective scholarship bodies of the AFP, PNP, BFP,  
23 BJMP, NBI, PDEA, PCG and BuCor, in accordance with the guidelines to be prescribed by  
24 the Board. If the agency concerned does not have an existing scholarship board or body, the  
25 head of agency is authorized to create such board or body or to delegate its function to an  
26 existing bureau, division or office which could concurrently perform such functions.

27  
28 **SECTION 6. *Authority to accept donations; Tax Exemption.*** – The Uniformed and  
29 Law Enforcement Scholarship Board and the respective board or bodies of the concerned  
30 agencies shall have the authority to accept donations, contributions, grants in cash or in kind,  
31 from appropriate sources, domestic or foreign. Said donations shall be used exclusively to  
32 complement the funding requirements of the scholarship program subject to the existing  
33 government accounting and auditing rules and regulations; Provided, That any donation,  
34 contribution or financial aid which may be made to the Board and to respective board or  
35 bodies of the concerned agencies shall be exempt from taxes of any kind and shall constitute  
36 allowable deductions in full from the income of the donors, contributors or givers for income  
37 tax purposes. Furthermore, the Board and to the respective board or bodies of the concerned  
38 agencies are authorized to invest so much of the idle funds as may be necessary for the  
39 purpose of generating additional revenue for the benefit of the scholarship program subject to  
40 the guidelines as may be prescribed by the board.

41  
42 **SECTION 7. *Funding of Educational Assistance and Benefits.*** – The amounts  
43 necessary to fund the educational assistance and benefits for the surviving children of the  
44 deceased or permanently incapacitated Uniformed and Law Enforcement Personnel provided  
45 under this Act shall be separately sourced and utilized, as follows:

- 46  
47 A. For PNP, license fees collected from the PNP firearms, and explosive office;  
48 B. For AFP, prevailing funds exclusively allocated for scholarship including  
49 applicable grants and donations and other service income;

- 1 C. For BFP, subsidy income from the National Government;  
2 D. For PCG, collection from permits and licenses fees, fines, and penalties,  
3 service income, and other general income; and  
4 E. For NBI, income from government services, particularly new clearance fees,  
5 including miscellaneous income.  
6

7 For PDEA, BJMP and BuCor, the amounts necessary for the educational assistance  
8 and benefits shall be included in their respective budgets under the annual General  
9 Appropriation Act.  
10

11 The concerned agencies may also determine or generate additional sources of funds  
12 for the continuity of their scholarship assistance programs under this Act.  
13

14 **SECTION 8. Appropriations.** – Any shortfall in the amount necessary to fund the  
15 educational assistance and benefits specified above shall be included in the respective annual  
16 budgets of the AFP, PNP, BFP, NBI, and PCG to be enacted as part of the annual General  
17 Appropriations Act; Provided, That any deficiencies in the financial requirements may  
18 likewise 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.  
23

24 **SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Uniformed and Law  
25 Enforcement Personnel Scholarship Board herein created shall promulgate, formulate and  
26 issue, within sixty (60) days from its creation, the necessary implementing rules and  
27 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.  
28

29 **SECTION 10. Separability Clause.** – If any provision or part this Act is held illegal,  
30 invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provisions not otherwise affected  
31 shall remain valid and subsisting.  
32

33 **SECTION 11. Repealing Clause.** – Presidential Decree No. 577, RA 6963, and all  
34 other laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction,  
35 administrative orders, rules and regulation or parts thereof which are contrary to or  
36 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended  
37 accordingly.  
38

39 **SECTION 12. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
40 its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the country or  
in the Official Gazette, whichever comes first.

*Approved,*