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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Shortage of trained and qualified teachers is a major concern in our public educational system. One major reason for such is the lack of funds and absence of opportunities for further studies that public teachers may avail.

Undeniably, public teachers play a significant role in educating the Filipino youth who in turn become the future leaders of this country. They play an extraordinary part in the lives of Filipino children, molding them to become responsible citizens in the future. Thus, major efforts should be undertaken to give our teachers adequate training in order to ensure quality education.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

1       Section 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of the State to  
2       give priority to the needs of public school teachers. It is likewise hereby declared  
3       to be the policy of the State to promote and improve their economic status and  
4       to assist them in providing quality education to their students.

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6       Sec. 2. *Definition.* – “Public School Teachers” shall refer to all persons  
7       engaged in classroom teaching, in any level of instruction, on full-time basis,  
8       including guidance counselors, industrial arts or vocational instructors, school  
9       heads, supervisors, and all other persons performing supervisory and/or  
10      administrative functions in all schools, colleges, and universities operated by the  
11      Government or its political subdivisions.

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13      Sec. 3. *Educational Benefits.* – In addition to all other benefits to which  
14      they are entitled under existing laws, rules and regulations, eligible public school  
15      teachers are herein provided with educational privileges in the form of  
16      scholarship grants. The scholarship grants shall be institutionalized in post-  
17      graduate programs, free of any charge including but not limited to tuition and  
18      matriculation fees.

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2           Sec. 4. *Eligibility.* – Public school teachers who are in active service shall  
3 be eligible to avail of the scholarship grants to enroll in any masteral or post  
4 graduate course. *Provided,* the public school educator shall have been in active  
5 duty for at least two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to the date of  
6 application for the grant. *Provided further,* that the public school teacher who  
7 shall avail of this grant shall sign an undertaking that he or she shall be  
8 professionally engaged with any school, college, and university operated by the  
9 Government or its political subdivisions for a period of five (5) years upon  
10 completion of the masteral or post graduate course. Otherwise, he or she shall  
11 reimburse the amount the scholarship grant if he or she fail or refuse to serve  
12 any school, college, and university operated by the Government or its political  
13 subdivision for no justifiable reason.

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15           Sec. 5. *Schools where scholarship grant applicable.* – The scholarship grant  
16 shall be applicable in all state colleges and universities or state vocation or  
17 technical schools throughout the country. The eligible public school teacher shall  
18 only be qualified to avail of the scholarship grant upon meeting and passing the  
19 requirements set by the respective schools.

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21           Sec. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of  
22 Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical  
23 Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall formulate the  
24 necessary guidelines to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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26           Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders,  
27 proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuance or parts thereof,  
28 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified  
29 accordingly.

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1           Sec. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any section or provision  
2 of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions  
3 hereof shall not be affected thereby.

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5           Sec. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
6 complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,