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**SENATE**

S. No. 231

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Introduced by SENATOR RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA

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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING POLICE SCHOLARSHIPS TO QUALIFIED STUDENTS IN ALL**  
**BARANGAY, ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE POLICE**  
**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR**  
**OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Philippine National Police (PNP) was established in 1991 by virtue of Republic Act No. 6975 to be a highly effective and competent police force that is national in scope and civilian in character. It was reorganized in 1998 through Republic Act No. 8551 where PNP was envisioned to be a community and service oriented agency responsible for the maintenance of peace and order and public safety.

According to the PNP, the current police to population ratio is 1:572 while the national standard is 1:500. On the other hand, the United Nations recommends one police officer for every 450 citizens. Clearly, our police force is far from ideal.

Despite the decrease in crime incidence when President Rodrigo Duterte assumed office, there is a need to increase the number of police force in the country for a sustainable maintenance of peace and order. A good balance of police per given population should be attained so as not to leave the citizenry unprotected.

Increase in funding for the recruitment of police officers may have contributed to a better police-to-population ratio in the country compared in the past years. However, it is not enough.

As such, this proposed legislation seeks to institutionalize a scholarship program that will entice individuals to pursue law enforcement degree. It proposes to have once police scholar per barangay who will be mandated once qualified to serve in priority areas of the PNP upon completion of the academic and physical training.

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



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

1       Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "*Police Scholarship*  
2       *Program*".

3       Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared as the policy of the State  
4       to promote peace and order, ensure public safety, and effective delivery of the basic  
5       services to the citizenry through the establishment of a highly efficient, adequate  
6       and competent police force.

7       Toward this end, the State shall provide adequate funding to institutionalize  
8       scholarship program to qualified individuals that will ensure access and opportunity  
9       for them to pursue law enforcement education.

10       Sec. 3. *One Police Scholar per Barangay Program.* – The Department of  
11       Interior and Local Government (DILG) through the Philippine National Police (PNP)  
12       shall establish a One Police Scholar per Barangay Program that shall grant  
13       scholarship to qualified Filipinos who want to pursue a degree in Law Enforcement  
14       or any related courses. The scholarship grant shall cover all expenses for said  
15       degree which includes but not limited to tuition and other school fees, required  
16       textbooks, educational materials and other education-related expenses, school



1 supplies and equipment, uniform allowances, and cost of living allowance: *Provided,*  
2 That the program shall endeavor to provide scholarship to at least one qualified  
3 student from each barangay in the country every school year.

4       Sec. 4. *Return Service Agreement.* – All scholars under this program shall be  
5 required to serve in priority areas of deployment of the PNP for at least three (3) full  
6 years, with compensation: *Provided,* That those who will serve for additional three  
7 (3) years shall be provided with additional incentives as determined by the DILG and  
8 PNP.

9       Sec. 5. *Appropriation.* – The amounts needed for the initial implementation of  
10 this Act shall be sourced from the current year's appropriations of the Department of  
11 Interior and Local Government. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its  
12 continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations  
13 Act.

14       Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared  
15 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby  
16 shall remain in force and effect.

17       Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
18 executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the  
19 provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

20       Sec. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its  
21 complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,