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Explanatory Note

Article 2, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order is essential for the enjoyment by all people of the blessings of democracy. However, as the Mamasapano incident reminded us recently, the maintenance of peace and order is not without risk to those who pursue it or their families, particularly the members of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Recognizing the considerable harm faced by members of the PNP, this bill seeks to institutionalize educational benefits to the surviving children of policemen who are slain in the line of action. It proposes that all surviving children of members of the PNP who are killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to educational benefits from the time they are orphaned up to their completion of secondary education. The benefits shall include tuition, and reasonable allowances for books, school supplies, transportation, clothing and food.

Speedy approval of this bill is urgently sought.

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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.* – The State recognizes the immense risks and
2 considerable harm faced by members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in
3 fighting crime and ensuring the peace and order of the general public. As such, it
4 shall be the policy of the State to provide educational benefits to the surviving
5 children of members of the PNP who are slain in the line of duty.

6 Sec. 2. *Educational Benefits.* – All surviving children of members of the PNP
7 who are killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to educational benefits from the
8 time they are orphaned up to their completion of secondary education. The benefits
9 shall include tuition; and reasonable allowances for books, school supplies,
10 transportation, clothing, and food.

11 Sec. 3. *PNP Educational Benefit Trust Fund.* – There is hereby created a trust
12 fund, to be known as the PNP Educational Benefits Trust Fund, hereinafter referred
13 to as “the Fund”, which shall be used exclusively for the provision of educational
14 benefits under this act and shall be funded through the following:

- 15 a) Annual Appropriations;
16 b) Proceeds generated from examination stamps, clearance and certification
17 fees and other service income of the National Police Commission;

1 c) Proceeds from license fees for firearms and fines and penalties collected
2 by the Philippine National Police;

3 d) All interest income of the trust fund; and,

4 e) Grants, donations and endowments from domestic and foreign sources,
5 pursuant to existing laws and regulations

6 *Sec. 5. Administration of the Fund.* – The fund shall be administered by the
7 National Police Commission, in accordance with existing government auditing rules
8 and regulations.

9 *Sec. 6. Annual Report.* – The National Police Commission shall annually
10 submit to the Office of the President, the Senate, and the House of Representatives
11 a report on the disbursement and utilization of the Fund.

12 *Sec. 7. Non-diminution of Benefits.* – Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
13 reduce existing benefits granted under existing laws, decrees, executive orders, or
14 any contract, agreement, or policy between the employer and employee.

15 *Sec. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within six months from the
16 effectivity of this Act, the National Police Commission, in coordination with Philippine
17 National Police, Department of Interior and Local Government, and the Unified
18 Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Board and
19 other relevant government agencies shall jointly promulgate the rules and
20 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

21 *Sec. 9. Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be held
22 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain
23 in full force and effect.

24 *Sec. 10. Repealing Clause.* – Sections 8, 9 and 10 of Republic Act No. 6963
25 are hereby amended accordingly. All other laws, executive orders, rules and
26 regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Act, are hereby deemed accordingly
27 repealed or amended.

28 *Sec. 12. Effectivity Clause* This Act shall take effect upon its publication in
29 the Official Gazette.

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