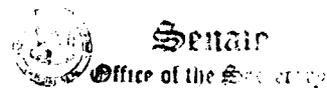


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program* (4Ps) is the national government's flagship poverty reduction initiative. It is a poverty reduction strategy patterned after the successful Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program in Brazil, Latin America and Africa.¹ Through 4Ps, the government earmarks cash subsidies to the poorest household particularly with children 0-14 years old to help them improve their health, nutrition and education.²

At present, the 4Ps Law provides conditional cash transfer grants of at least P300 per month per child for a maximum of 10 months per year for children enrolled in day care and elementary programs, at least P500 per month per child for up to 10 months per year for children enrolled in junior high school, and at least P700 per month per child for up to 10 months per year for senior high school.³

¹ DSWD (2023). "*Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program*". Information retrieved from <https://fo3.dswd.gov.ph/pantawid-pamilyang-pilipino-program-4ps/#:~:text=To%20improve%20preventive%20health%20care,food%20expenditure%20of%20poor%20households> on November 13, 2023.

² *ibid.*

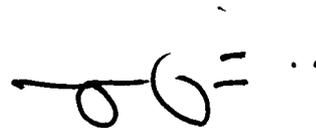
³ Ellson Quismorio (August 22, 2023). "*4Ps adult education component pushed in House-approved measure; here's how it will work*". Information retrieved from <https://mb.com.ph/2023/8/22/4-ps-adult-education-component-pushed-in-house-approved-measure-here-s-how-it-will-work> on November 13, 2023

This bill seeks to expand the 4Ps through the addition of an adult education component by encouraging at least one (1) adult beneficiary from every 4Ps household to join and complete any of the following tracks of adult education: non-formal education through the Alternative Learning System (ALS); entrepreneurship track; or employment track. The availment of adult education shall commence on the second year of enrollment in the program.

Moreover, this proposed bill seeks to grant adult education beneficiaries priority in the availment of the modalities and interventions of government programs after the completion of their selected track of adult education. These programs include:

- a. The ease of establishing a micro or small business and linkage to the target clientele, by the Department of Trade and Industry;
- b. Job facilitation assistance by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and
- c. Assistance to those who completed non-formal education through the ALS track to ensure their pursuit of higher learning or employment, by the Department of Education.

In view of the foregoing, the approval 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. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 11310 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 "Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* - The State shall promote a just and dynamic
4 social order thereby uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors from poverty
5 through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment,
6 a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

7 The State recognizes the need to foster social justice as provided for in
8 Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution, as follows:

9 XXX

10 (g) Improve maternal health; [and]

11 "(h) Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all [.]"; **AND**

12 **"(I) PROMOTE EDUCATION AMONG ADULT BENEFICIARIES THROUGH**
13 **ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM, ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING,**
14 **AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE**
15 **DEVELOPMENT.**

16 Sec. 2. Section 7 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

1 "Sec. 7. *Conditional Cash Transfer to Beneficiaries.* - The Advisory Council
2 shall determine the amount of conditional cash transfer to beneficiaries with the
3 following schemes:

4 XXX

5 "(c) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in senior high school shall
6 not be lower than Seven hundred pesos (P700.00) per month per child for a
7 maximum of ten (10) months per year[-]; [~~and~~]

8 "(d) Health and nutrition grant shall not be lower than Seven hundred fifty pesos
9 (P750.00) per month for a maximum of twelve (12) months per year [-]; **AND**

10 **"(E) THE COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION GRANT, WHICH REFERS TO A**
11 **CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER THAT IS USED TO FINANCE MEALS**
12 **AND TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO THE AVAILMENT OF ADULT**
13 **EDUCATION UNDER THIS ACT, MUST NOT BE LOWER THAN FIVE**
14 **HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00) PER INSTANCE PER ADULT BENEFICIARY**
15 **OF THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM."**

16 "xxx."

17 Sec. 3. Section 11 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

18 "Sec. 11. Conditions for Entitlement. - All qualified household-beneficiaries
19 shall comply with all of the following conditions as a requirement for continued
20 program eligibility:

21 X X X

22 "(e) Children five (5) to eighteen (18) years old must attend elementary or
23 secondary classes at least eighty-five (85%) of their time; [and]

24 "(f) At least one (1) responsible person must attend family development sessions
25 conducted by the DSWD, at least once a

26 Month[-]; **AND**

27 **"(G) AT LEAST ONE (1) ADULT BENEFICIARY MUST JOIN AND**
28 **COMPLETE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TRACKS OF ADULT EDUCATION:**

29 **(1) NON-FORMAL EDUCATION THROUGH THE ALS TRACK OF THE**
30 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED). THE ALS TRACK REFERS TO A**
31 **PARALLEL LEARNING SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES A VIABLE**
32 **ALTERNATIVE TO THE EXISTING FORMAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION**

1 AND ENCOMPASSES BOTH NON-FORMAL AND INFORMAL SOURCES OF
2 KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS;

3 (2) ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRACK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE
4 AND INDUSTRY (DTI) AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND
5 DEVELOPMENT. THIS REFERS TO INTERVENTIONS WHICH FOCUS ON
6 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MICRO-ENTERPRISE THROUGH
7 ENHANCEMENT OF SKILLS, PROVISION OF FINANCIAL CAPITAL AND
8 BUILDING OR RE-BUILDING PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ASSETS, AND
9 WHICH COVERS PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING, AND BASIC
10 BUSINESS FINANCE; OR

11 (3) EMPLOYMENT TRACK OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND
12 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OR THEIR ACCREDITED PRIVATE
13 SECTOR AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS. THIS REFERS TO
14 PROGRAMS THROUGH WHICH LEARNERS AND WORKERS ARE
15 PROVIDED WITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUIRE, UPGRADE,
16 OR BOTH, THEIR ABILITY, KNOWLEDGE AND BEHAVIOR PATTERN
17 REQUIRED AS QUALIFICATIONS FOR A JOB OR RANGE OF JOBS IN A
18 GIVEN OCCUPATIONAL AREA.

19 THE AVAILMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION SHALL COMMENCE ON
20 THE SECOND YEAR OF ENROLLMENT IN THE 4PS. AS USED IN THIS
21 ACT, ADULT EDUCATION REFERS TO INTERVENTIONS THAT IMPROVE
22 TECHNICAL OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, FURTHER DEVELOP
23 ABILITIES, ACQUIRE OR ENRICH KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND
24 COMPETENCIES IN A NEW FIELD THROUGH ALTERNATIVE LEARNING
25 SYSTEM TRACK, ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRACK OR EMPLOYMENT
26 TRACK."

27 Sec. 4. Section 13 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

28 "SEC. 13. [~~Livelihood~~] **POST SKILLS TRAINING** Interventions. -
29 [~~Qualified~~] **THE ADULT EDUCATION** [~~household-~~] beneficiaries shall be given
30 priority in the availment of the modalities and interventions [~~under DSWD's~~
31 ~~Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) or other appropriate or similar programs~~
32 ~~offered by other government agencies or accredited private institutions.~~] **OF**

1 THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THEIR
2 SELECTED TRACK OF ADULT EDUCATION.

3 "(A) ADULT EDUCATION BENEFICIARIES WHO SUCCESSFULLY
4 COMPLETED THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRACK SHALL BE GIVEN
5 ASSISTANCE BY THE DTI TO ENSURE EASE OF ESTABLISHING A MICRO
6 OR SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND THE LINK TO THE TARGET
7 CLIENTELE OF THE 4PS ENTREPRENEUR.

8 "(B) THE ADULT EDUCATION BENEFICIARIES WHO
9 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE EMPLOYMENT TRACK SHALL BE
10 GIVEN JOB FACILITATION ASSISTANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

12 "(C) THE ADULT EDUCATION BENEFICIARIES WHO
13 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED NON_FORMAL EDUCATION USING THE
14 ALS TRACK BY THE DEPED UNTIL THEY FINISH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
15 SHALL BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE THEIR PURSUIT OF HIGHER
16 LEARNING OR EMPLOYMENT.

17 ~~"[The household beneficiary shall also be given priority in the availment of~~
18 ~~the employment facilitation services provided by the SLP or other employment~~
19 ~~programs of appropriate government agencies implementing the same.]"~~

20 Sec. 5. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts
21 hereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

22 Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
23 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,