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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A greater number of children and minors of the soldiers and policemen killed by the insurgents or slain in the line of duty are unable to continue schooling or complete their secondary education because of the death of the breadwinner of the family.

This bill provides for educational benefits for minor orphaned children of soldiers and policemen. Its coverage include: (a) those who were orphaned prior to the approval of this measure but are still minors upon its approval; (b) beneficiaries who reach the age of majority while enjoying benefits and have not completed their secondary education shall continue to be entitled to benefits until they complete secondary education; and (c) those who are minors upon the approval of this Act.

Benefits include tuition and reasonable allowance for books, school supplies, transportation, clothing and food.

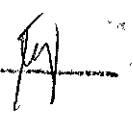
For the sake of our gallant soldiers who are fighting for our country and policemen who are maintaining peace and order at the risk of their lives, this measure is sought to be approved.


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE MINOR CHILDREN
OF SOLDIERS AND POLICEMEN WHO ARE KILLED BY INSURGENTS OR
SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Educational Benefits for Orphaned Minor Children.* – Minor children of soldiers in the Armed Forces of the Philippines or members of the Philippine National Police who were killed by insurgents or slain 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 a reasonable allowance for books, school supplies, transportation, clothing and food.

SEC 2. *Administration of the Educational Benefits System.* – The Chief of Staff shall designate the office in the Armed Forces which shall administer the educational benefits system for the orphaned minor children of soldiers and promulgate appropriate rules and regulations therefore.

The Chairman of the National Police Commission shall designate the office in the Commission which shall administer the educational benefits system for the orphaned minor children of policemen and promulgate rules and regulations therefore.

SEC 3. *Funds for Educational Benefits.* – There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00) for the educational benefits of orphaned minor children of soldiers for the Armed Forces of the Philippines for the initial year operation. Thereafter, the amount required for said educational benefits shall be included in the annual appropriations of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

There is hereby also authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) for the educational benefits of orphaned minor children of policemen for the National Police Commission for the initial year.

Thereafter, the amount required for said educational benefits shall be included in the annual appropriations of the National Police Commission.

SEC 4. *Coverage.* – This Act shall cover children whose father or mother were killed by insurgents or slain prior to the approval of this Act but who are minors upon the approval of this Act and those minors who are orphaned after approval of this Act.

Beneficiaries who reach the age of majority while enjoying the benefits of this Act but who have not completed their secondary education shall continue to be entitled to benefits until they complete secondary education.

SEC 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval and completion of publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,