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EXPLANATORY NOTE


The 1987 Constitution states that "the State shall protect and promote the rights of its citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such educational at all levels".

But due to the ever unstable economic condition the fluctuating inflation rate and the worsening unemployment percentage that befall our citizens, access to quality tertiary education is slowly becoming a rich man's option rather than a regular and normal phase to undertake in every people's academic endeavor.

It is therefore, imperative upon the State to provide all available government resources in affording its people, especially those who are economically distressed, a system of free public college education that will give them equal opportunity in earning and acquiring the necessary college degree, primordially required in joining a more competitive and profitable working environment.

By instituting a free public college education system in our country, we would be helping more of our less privileged constituents in realizing their dream of obtaining a college diploma. Also, through this legislative measure, we are able to provide these youth with the basic leverage in securing descent employment for them in the near future.

In view of this, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator

(6) Other government owned and controlled universities and colleges situated in the various provinces of the Philippines.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The CHED in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management shall formulate and promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary for the effective implementation of the Act.

SEC. 8. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* If any portion of this Act were to be declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and in effect.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and in effect.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen days from the date of its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,