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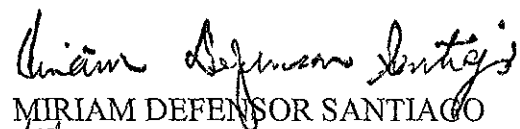
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article II, Section 17, states that:

“The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.”

Providing education to the youth is one of the most noble professions. Given the overwhelming importance of the role of public school teachers in educating the youth, there is a need to instill professional and personal integrity of teachers by giving them the recognition and the benefits that they deserve.

Under Republic Act No. 4670, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Public School Teachers Act”, it was declared as a policy to promote and improve the social and economic status of public school teachers, their living and working conditions, their terms of employment and career prospects in order that they may compare favorably with existing opportunities in other walks of life, attract and retain in the teaching profession more people with the proper qualifications, it being recognized that advance in education depends on the qualifications and ability of the teaching staff and that education is an essential factor in the economic growth of the nation as a productive investment of vital importance.¹


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¹ This bill was originally filed in the Thirteenth Congress, Third Regular Session.

1 2. “Children of public school teachers” – shall refer to legitimate children of
2 public schools teachers

3 3. “Free educational scholarship grant” – scholarship grants covering pre-school,
4 elementary, secondary, and tertiary education.

5 SECTION 4. *Scholarship grant.* – The scholarship grants for public school
6 teachers and their children shall cover preschool, elementary, secondary, as well as
7 tertiary education.

8 SECTION 5. *Eligibility of public school teachers to avail of grant.* – Public
9 school teachers who are in active service shall be eligible to avail of the scholarship
10 grants to enroll in any masteral or post graduate course. Provided, that the public school
11 teacher shall have been in active duty for at least two consecutive years immediately prior
12 to the date of application for the grant.

13 SECTION 6. *Eligibility of children of public school teachers to avail of grant.* –
14 Only legitimate children of public school teachers who are in active service shall be
15 eligible to avail of the scholarship grant.

16 SECTION 7. *Eligibility of retired public school teachers to avail of grant.* –
17 Retired public school teachers may avail of the scholarship grant for their children.
18 However, their children shall be entitled only to a proportional amount of scholarship
19 grant.

20 SECTION 8. *Schools where scholarship grant applicable.* – The scholarship
21 grant shall be applicable in all public schools and state universities throughout the
22 country. The children of public school teachers shall be qualified to avail of the
23 scholarship grant only upon passing all the requirements set by the respective schools.

24 SECTION 9. *Forfeiture of Grant.* – Public school teachers who have been
25 charged and proven to have committed acts of professional misconduct shall forfeit their

1 eligibility to avail of the grant. They shall also forfeit the eligibility to avail of the grant
2 for their children.

3 SECTION 10. *Implementing Agency.* – The Department of Education (DepEd)
4 and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall be the implementing agencies for
5 this Act. The above agencies shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations for
6 this Act.

7 SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part thereof, is held
8 invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise
9 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

10 SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
11 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to,
12 or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended
13 accordingly.

14 SECTION 13. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
15 after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.