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Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

Explanatory Note

This bill is a social justice legislation benefitting members of the low-income group who are undergoing full-time technical and vocational training in government-sponsored courses. The bill grants said trainees subsistence allowance to buy food and other basic needs as they have no means of support for the duration of the training. In this way, the trainees are spared the anxiety and burden of providing for their families while they are learning a skill and preparing themselves for a more gainful employment. By helping the trainees and their families meet their daily needs, the bill assures their human dignity which the Constitution directs the State to protect and promote.

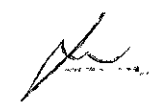
In view of the foregoing, the early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
GRANTING SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE TO PERSONS UNDERGOING
VOCATIONAL AND/OR TECHNICAL TRAINING, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** All persons undergoing vocational and/or technical training under any
2 government-sponsored training program are hereby granted subsistence allowance in the form of
3 food coupons.

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5 **SEC. 2.** To qualify for the subsistence allowance granted under this Act, the vocational
6 and/or technical trainee must be:

- 7 (1) Undergoing such vocational and/or technical training on a full-time basis;
8 (2) Such vocational and/or technical training does not exceed one (1) year;
9 (3) Is a member of a family whose gross monthly income does not exceed three thousand
10 pesos;
11 (4) Is not receiving other allowances or other forms of financial assistance equivalent to
12 or exceeding those granted under this Act.

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14 **SEC. 3.** The subsistence allowance granted under this Act shall be in the amount of Php
15 300 worth of food coupons per month to be distributed on or before the first week of each month.

1 **SEC. 4.** The food coupons herein distributed shall be used for the purchase of essential
2 food items such as rice, sugar, milk, cooking oil, dried beans, fish, meat, etc. The coupons shall
3 bear the item for which it can be exchanged for.

4 These coupons shall be honored in all stores, market, supermarkets and other commercial
5 establishments in the Philippines offering these food items.

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7 **SEC. 5.** The food coupons distributed under this Act shall be non-transferrable and shall
8 not be honored if presented by a person other than the grantee or members of his immediate
9 family.

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11 **SEC. 6.** The Department of Social Services and Development shall issue the necessary
12 rules and regulations for the full implementation of this Law.

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14 **SEC. 7.** The initial amount of Php 200 million is hereby appropriated out of any funds in
15 the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the support of this program.

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17 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication
18 in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,