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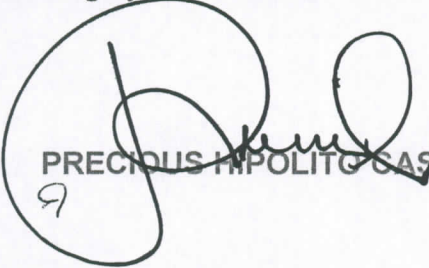
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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. (Sec.17, Article II, The 1987 Philippine Constitution). However, on account of poverty, many high school alumni are unable to enrol in college. It's about time the State underwrote college education of the underprivileged and diligent high school students. Setting a standard (85% GWA) would motivate such indigent students to work hard in order to qualify and their success rate would be high inasmuch as gaining such GWA presupposes their calibre as learners.

Hence, the State's sponsoring their college education would contribute to general human liberation and development since such students would be lifted out of poverty and empowered to become more useful nation builders in the process.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHOSE GENERAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE (GWA) IS NOT LOWER THAN 85 PERCENT

Be it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled`

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "State Scholars Act."

SEC. 2. There shall be provided, under the supervision of the Commission on Higher Education in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development, College Scholarship Grants to underprivileged high school students whose General Weighted Average (GWA) is not lower than 85 percent.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Commission on Higher Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. If any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. Any laws, decrees, or rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,