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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 111

Introduced by **KABATAAN PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE**
SARAH JANE I. ELAGO

RESOLUTION
URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VOLUNTARY OPT-OUT MECHANISM AS PROVIDED IN REPUBLIC ACT 10931

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10931, Section 4 on Free Higher Education in State Universities and Colleges states that, "... That all SUCs and LUCs shall create a mechanism to enable students with the financial capacity to pay for their education in the SUC and LUC to voluntarily opt out of the tuition and other school fees subsidy or make a contribution to the school;"

WHEREAS, one of the powers and functions of SUC governing boards, according to RA 8292, is to "enact rules and regulations not contrary to law as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the university or college;"

Republic of the Philippines
CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY
The Vice-President for Administration and Finance
Andrew Campus
Tuguegarao City

INFORMATION ON REPUBLIC ACT No. 10931 and EXPRESSION OF OPTION

I, _____ with address _____ and mobile phone number _____ enrolled or enrolling in the College of _____ for _____ Semester of Academic Year _____ do hereby declare under oath that:

- I have been made aware that under the provisions of Republic Act No. 10931, I am NOT TO PAY any tuition or miscellaneous fees, UNLESS I elect to opt out of the scheme.
- I can avail of the benefits of R.A. 10931 ONLY if I meet the ADMISSION and RETENTION requirements of the university, including academic and disciplinary requirements and requisites.
- I acknowledge that I am granted these benefits by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and am prepared to perform my civil duties as well as to serve the Republic.
- I am not a member of any organization that advocates the violent overthrow of the government, or that advocates revolution or secession, nor am I a member of any society, fraternity, society or organization that is not duly accredited by the Administration of the Cagayan State University.
- I have been apprised of the rules of discipline of the university, and that I submit myself to the disciplining authority of the university.

FOR THE _____ SEMESTER of Academic Year _____ I
_____ wish to avail myself of the benefits of Republic Act No. 10931
_____ wish to opt out of the scheme of benefits of Republic Act No. 10931

In the full knowledge that this option shall bind me for an entire semester.

STUDENT'S PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE Date _____

In the presence of:

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS REGISTRAR

COLLEGE DEAN

WHEREAS, state universities and colleges have designed mechanisms to implement the said provision in RA 10931. For instance, Cagayan State University has the following waiver released through the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance as a requisite for enrolment in the current academic year;

WHEREAS, terms in the said waiver, particularly those numbered 3 and 4, have raised concerns of being another maneuver to undermine the right to education and an attempt to justify the already deferred return service system forcing students to opt-out of free public higher education;

WHEREAS, this weaponizes the waiver in attacking fundamental freedoms in campuses, especially since there have been a record number of victories relying on organized action against tuition and other fee increases, unreasonable policies of admission, among others;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education conduct an immediate review of the implementation of voluntary opt-out mechanism as provided in Republic Act 10931.

Adopted,


Rep. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO
Kabataan Party-list