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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is an essential tool that shapes our society. In fact, education has long become an indicator of life outcomes such as employment, income and social status. Simply put, education is a weapon that can provide stability in life. It increases one's chances for better life opportunities. Consequently, an educated society contributes much on innovation of technology thereby accelerating progress and development in our country. That is why the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

On the other hand, our country's uniformed law enforcement personnel face extraordinary hazards in the performance of their duties in order to provide safety and security for the Filipino people. These people encounter and face danger frequently that it is only right to provide their families with educational assistance should they be permanently incapacitated or, worse, be killed in the performance of their duty.

Considering the value of education and the unpredictability and dangers of the job of our uniformed law enforcement personnel, this Bill intends to provide educational assistance and other benefits to the dependents of uniformed law enforcement personnel who are killed or permanently incapacitated in the line of their duties. It is only but right to

secure the future of the families of these heroes who put so much sacrifice in providing safety for our country.

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

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2 **“AN ACT GRANTING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS**
3 **TO THE DEPENDENTS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
4 **FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL**
5 **POLICE (PNP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), BUREAU OF**
6 **JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENENOLOGY (BJMP), NATIONAL BUREAU**
7 **OF INVESTIGATION (NBI), PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT**
8 **AGENCY (PDEA), PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG), AND**
9 **BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) WHO ARE KILLED OR**
10 **PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE**
11 **OF THEIR DUTY OR BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR POSITION”**

12 *Be it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of the*
13 *Philippines in Congress assembled:*

14 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Uniformed Law*
15 *Enforcement Personnel Educational Assistance and Benefits Act of 2021*”.

16 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – The State duly recognizes the
17 vital role of the uniformed law enforcement personnel in providing internal and
18 external security, promoting peace and order, ensuring public safety and further
19 strengthening local government capability aimed towards the effective delivery
20 of basic services to the citizenry. The State also recognizes the extraordinary
21 hazards, risks, perils, and dangers that the uniformed law enforcement
22 personnel encounter in the performance of their duties. It shall therefore be the

1 prime concern of the State to ensure that the dependents of those who are killed
2 or permanently incapacitated while in the performance of their duty or by reason
3 of their office or position are provided with educational assistance and benefits.

4 **SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* –**

5 a. ***Uniformed Law Enforcement Personnel*** shall refer to the officers
6 and enlisted personnel under the Armed Forces of The Philippines
7 (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection
8 (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), National
9 Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Philippine Drug Enforcement
10 Agency (PDEA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and Bureau of
11 Corrections (BuCor),

12 b. ***Permanent Incapacity*** shall mean the anatomical loss, or the
13 permanent loss of use of the one hand or both hands, or of one
14 hand or both hands, or of one foot or loss of both feet or both legs
15 or one eye or both eyes having only light perception, or mental
16 faculties.

17 **SECTION 4. *Grant of Educational Assistance and Benefits.* –** All the
18 surviving children of the members of the uniformed law enforcement personnel
19 who are killed or permanently incapacitated while in the performance of their
20 duty or by reason of their office or position shall be qualified to avail a full
21 educational scholarship up to the tertiary level whether baccalaureate, formal
22 or non-formal education, or training program in a non-exclusive institution. The
23 same grant shall also be available to the surviving spouse should he/she desire
24 to make use of the same.

25 For deceased or permanently disabled uniformed law enforcement
26 personnel members who are single, the same grant shall be available to his or
27 her qualified dependent siblings.

28 **SECTION 5. *Inclusions.* –** The educational scholarship grant shall
29 include, but shall not be limited to:

- 30 a. Tuition fees;
- 31 b. Miscellaneous fees;
- 32 c. Allowance for books;
- 33 d. School supplies; and
- 34 e. Allowance for food and transportation.

1 **SECTION 10. *Funding of the Educational Assistance and Benefits.***

2 – The amounts necessary to fund the educational assistance and benefits set
3 forth in the provisions of this Act shall be sourced and utilized from the following:

4 a. For the PNP, license fees collected from the PNP firearms and
5 explosives office;

6 b. For the AFP, prevailing funds exclusively allocated for scholarship
7 including applicable grants and donations and other service
8 income;

9 c. For the BFP, subsidy income from the national government;

10 d. For the PCG, collection from permits and license fees, fines and
11 penalties, service income and other general income; and

12 e. For the NBI, income from government services, particularly new
13 clearance fees including miscellaneous income.

14 f. For the PDEA, BJM, and BuCor, the amounts necessary for the
15 educational assistance and benefits shall be included in their
16 respective budgets under the annual General Appropriation Act.

17 The concerned agencies shall also be encouraged to determine other
18 means to generate funds in order to fund the educational assistance and
19 benefits under this Act.

20 **SECTION 7. *The Uniformed and Law Enforcement Personnel***
21 ***Scholarship Board.*** – All educational scholarship funds pertaining to the
22 provisions of this Act shall be managed and administered by the Uniformed Law
23 Enforcement Personnel Scholarship Board (hereinafter referred to as “The
24 Board”). The management and administration of the funds shall be in
25 accordance with the policies that shall be formulated by the Board within thirty
26 (30) days from the effectivity of this Act.

27 **SECTION 8. *Composition of the Board.*** – The Board shall be
28 composed of the following:

29 a. The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government;

30 b. The Secretary of Justice;

31 c. The Secretary of Transportation;

32 d. The Secretary of the Department of National Defense; and

1 e. One (1) member each from the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI PDEA,
2 PCG and BuCor.

3 **SECTION 9. *Functions of the Board.*** – The Board shall serve as the
4 policy making body vested with the authority to formulate the requirements,
5 guidelines, and the scope and limitations of the educational scholarship grant
6 set forth in the provisions of this Act.

7 All matters relating to the screening of the qualified beneficiaries shall be
8 delegated to the respective scholarship bodies of the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP,
9 NBI, PDEA, PCG and BuCor in accordance with the guidelines to be prescribed
10 by the Board. Agencies concerned that do not have an existing scholarship
11 board shall be mandated to create such board or to delegate its function to an
12 existing bureau, division, or office which can concurrently perform such
13 functions.

14 **SECTION 10. *Acceptance of donations.*** – The Board and the
15 respective bodies of the concerned agencies shall have the authority to accept
16 donations, contributions, grants in cash or in kind, from appropriate sources
17 whether domestic or foreign.

18 The donations received shall be used exclusively for the funding of the
19 educational scholarship program and shall be subject to existing government
20 accounting and auditing rules and regulations; *Provided*, that any donation,
21 contribution, or financial aid which may be made to the Board and to the
22 respective bodies of the concerned agencies shall be exempt from taxes of any
23 kind and shall constitute allowable deductions in full from the income of the
24 donors for income tax purposes. *Provided further*, that the Board and the
25 respective bodes of the agencies concerned shall be authorized to invest much
26 of the idle funds as may be necessary for the purpose of generating additional
27 revenue for the benefit of the scholarship program subject to the guidelines as
28 may be prescribed by the Board.

29 **SECTION 11. *Appropriations.*** – Any shortfall in the amount necessary
30 to fund the educational assistance and benefits specified above shall be
31 included in the annual budgets of the AFP, PNP, NBI, and PCG to be enacted
32 as part of the annual General Appropriations Act; *Provided*, that any
33 deficiencies in the financial requirements may likewise be taken from savings
34 on the personal services of the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI, PDEA, PCG and
35 BuCor and the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefit Funds; *Provided further*, that
36 the Board may identify, develop, and/or generate additional sources of funds to
37 support the educational assistance and benefits set forth in this Act.

1 **SECTION 12. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Board
2 created herein shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and
3 regulations for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act within
4 sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

5 **SECTION 13. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is
6 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby
7 shall remain valid and subsisting.

8 **SECTION 14. *Repealing Clause.*** – All acts, executive orders,
9 memorandum circulars/guidelines and other issuances or parts thereof, which
10 are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

11 **SECTION 15. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
12 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general
13 circulation

14 **APPROVED.**