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HOUSE BILL No. 42



Introduced by HONORABLE ERNESTO "ERNIX" M. DIONISIO, JR.

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR
THE INCREASE OF THE MINIMUM AMOUNTS OF THE COMPONENTS OF
PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) GRANTS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution, the State is committed to promoting a just and dynamic social order for purposes of liberating the people from poverty.

To give life to such Constitutional guarantee, Republic Act No. 11310 (2019), entitled "**Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act**" was legislated as a flagship poverty reduction strategy of the Philippine Government. Section 4 declares that the 4Ps shall be "the national poverty reduction strategy and a human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to poor households...to improve the health, nutrition and education aspect of their lives."

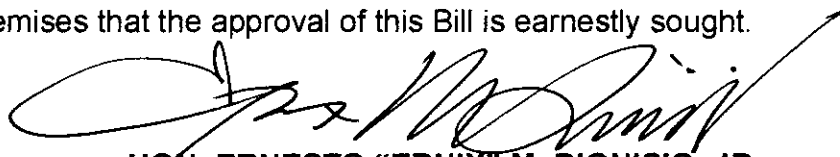
As a means to address the plight of our less fortunate brothers and sisters, we must, once again, revisit the mechanism that enhances the avenue for them to better their current economic realities. We must be proactive in ensuring that their grievance redress mechanism is made accessible when needed.

Let us remember that it is through our rules, as well as through the rule of law, that we are able to provide for those most in need of aid and protection.

Hence, in line with the above mentioned policies, and in response to the socioeconomic realities thus brought to light, the State, through this Bill, must increase

the minimum amounts of 4Ps grants, with the ultimate objective of raising the minimum amounts, listed in Section 7(1) of R.A. No. 11310.

It is for the foregoing premises that the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “4Ps in the New Normal Act of 2025.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – The State recognizes its duty to promote socio-economic justice, especially by securing the interests and welfare of beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) in the context of the current economic climate. As such, the State acknowledges the necessity of stepping up the financial aid that these beneficiaries receive, until such time that they shall have been able to adapt to the “new normal” and are once again able to strive towards self-sufficiency.

SECTION 3. Increased Minimum Amounts for the Components of 4Ps Grants. – The minimum amounts for the components of 4Ps grants shall each be increased, such that:

- (a) The conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in daycare and elementary programs shall not be lower than Five hundred pesos (P500.00) per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;
- (b) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in junior high school shall not be lower than Seven hundred pesos (P700.00) per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;

- (c) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in senior high school shall not be lower than Nine hundred pesos (P900.00) per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year; and
- (d) Health and nutrition grants shall not be lower than One thousand one hundred (P1100.00) per month for a maximum of twelve (12) months per year.

SECTION 4. Situation Review/Analysis and Recommendations. – In connection with Section 4(cc) of Republic Act No. 11469, which empowers the Secretary of Social Welfare and Development and the Secretary of Labor and Employment to approve the temporary emergency standards of eligibility and level of benefits, the same Secretaries are hereby tasked with conducting situation reviews/analyses to determine:

1. If the increase in Section 4 hereof shall be enough to raise the 4Ps grants to a level that meets the heightened needs of beneficiaries, in the context of the COVID-19's effect on the economy as a whole and on households, and of the current most pressing needs/necessities for adapting to employment, academics, food/nutrition, and health in the "new normal"; and
2. The length of time that such increased 4Ps grants shall need to be sustained, to successfully aid the beneficiaries in getting back on track to becoming self-sufficient.

The Secretaries shall determine the composition of the teams handling the review/analysis, as well as the methodology for the same. Their recommendations shall be submitted in time for the deliberations on the national budget for the Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations required for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. Appropriations – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against those authorized in the current and subsequent General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts unaffected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees or issuances, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,