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Introduced by Rep. VIRGILIO S. LACSON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant public elementary and secondary school teachers a non-wage benefit in the form of tertiary education in any state university or college for a maximum of two (2) dependent children and for other purposes.

Public school teachers play a very important and crucial role in nation building. They provide our children with the necessary skills and knowledge that they need in order for them to become functional members of the society in the future. Teachers are not just facilitators of learning, they provide the very foundation of knowledge and wisdom in our society. Hence, the future of our country is hinged on the ability of our public school teachers to educate and train our youth as they mature and acquire their personal qualities.

There is therefore an urgent need for the state to provide support and encouragement to public school teachers by motivating them to perform better and achieved their avowed task as the torchbearers of learning. The intention of this proposed measure is to provide public school teachers with a non-wage benefit in the form of free tertiary education in any state university or college for a maximum of two (2) dependent children in vital recognition of their contribution to nation building. This benefit will ease the burden of public school teachers in sending their own children to college considering the meager wages available to them. Moreover, it will further encourage our youth to join the teaching profession especially now that they are in demand in our country due to our continuously growing population.

In consonance with the Philippine Constitution which states that *"The state shall establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged,"* the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT

**GRANTING PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS A
NON-WAGE BENEFIT IN THE FORM OF FREE TERTIARY EDUCATION IN ANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) DEPENDENT
CHILDREN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Public Elementary and Secondary school teachers shall be exempted from paying tuition and matriculation fee including other fees for a maximum of two (2) dependent children attending any state university or college. Provided, that if both spouses are public school teachers, they shall be entitled to four (4) dependent children who shall be exempt from the payment of tuition and matriculation fee including other fees. Provided, *further*, that dependent children of public elementary and secondary school teachers who shall avail of this non-wage benefit shall maintain a passing rating for all the subjects enrolled per semester from the time of first enrollment until the final enrollment prior to graduation. Provided, *finally*, that the dependent shall mean a child living with parents who may be above eighteen (18) years of age but not older than twenty-five (25) years of age.

SECTION 2. The Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall jointly promulgate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations to effectively carry out the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. All law, acts, decrees, executive orders, issuances and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days upon publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,