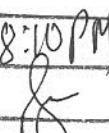


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to enact into law a non-wage benefit for public school teachers in the form of a free college education in any state college or university for one (1) of their dependents.

Teachers are considered as one of our unsung heroes of today and yet most of them experience money problems because of their low salaries. Some even find it difficult to send their very own children to college. It is the aim of this measure to help alleviate and improve the plight of public school teachers and their families by at least providing free college education to one of their dependents thereby easing some of their burdens.

Given the fact that our public school teachers have given so much of themselves to teach our children, it is but right that we give something more to them in return. A free college education for one of their dependents is one of the ways by which we can thank these heroes and help them help themselves.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
GRANTING NON-WAGE BENEFITS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE FORM
OF FREE TERTIARY EDUCATION IN ANY STATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FOR
ONE (1) DEPENDENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Free Tertiary Benefit for Public School Teachers Act."

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. With that regard, our public school teachers, being in the forefront of the government's thrust in education should be compensated for the selfless services they rendered.

SECTION 3. *Non-Wage Benefit.* All public school teachers, either teaching in elementary, high school or tertiary levels, who are still active in the service, shall be qualified for a Non-Wage Benefit in the form of free tertiary education in any state college or university for one (1) dependent.

Provided, that the public school teachers in active service have rendered service for at least one (1) year and will continue to render such for at least another four (4) years.

Provided, that for a dependent to qualify, they should be related to the public school teacher within the fourth degree of consanguinity.

SECTION 4. *Implementation.* The Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall issue and promulgate rules and regulations as deemed necessary for the evaluation, approval and implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, issuances, orders, rules and regulations or portions thereof, contrary to, or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,