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Introduced by Representative Salvador B. Belaro, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Act seeks to establish a government body that shall ensure that all available scholarships are timely and properly granted, as well as to generate more scholarships, to best serve the purpose of developing the country's human resources.

The creation of such body, among others, will prevent the phenomenon of having unutilized scholarships which at the Commission on Higher Education alone reportedly has already reached hundreds of millions of pesos.

These scholarships are scattered under different government and private agencies, and even those provided by international organizations and partner academic institution abroad.

The timely availment and the generation of more scholarships via the establishment of the proposed National Center for Scholarships will ensure that these scholarships are properly monitored, advertised and systematically allocated to those who are qualified and are in need. That way, access to quality

education, which is enshrined in the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of having Education for All (EFA) will be best approximated, if not realized.

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ATTY. SALVADOR B. BELARO JR.
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AN ACT
CREATING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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 “National Center for Scholarships Act of 2016.”

SEC. 2. Consistent with the state policy to democratize access to education, all academic and training scholarships which are government-funded, or even privately-funded but coursed through the government, must be forwarded, monitored, and implemented under a National Center for Scholarship which shall ensure that all available scholarships are made known and made accessible to the widest possible and most qualified recipients.

SEC. 3. It shall be the responsibility of the National Center for Scholarship to publish online and in newspapers of general circulation at least sixty (60) days before the actual selection of recipients or grantees who will enjoy the available scholarship grants, including any form of government funded training and scholarship vouchers, contemplated under this Act.

SEC.4. The National Center for Scholarships shall also be the primary authority for the implementation and generation of scholarships here and abroad and shall be established as a government body attached to the Office of the President.

SEC. 5. The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) shall jointly formulate and issue rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 7. All laws, orders, issuances rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.