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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

We have always adhered to the principle that the education of our youth is a crucial factor in the work of attaining progress and development for our country.

At the same time, we recognize the efforts of the country's more than 40,000 barangay officials in keeping the peace and providing immediate action on problems prevailing in our communities.

In recognition of the important roles they play in nation building, we propose an amendment to the local government code of 1991, specifically Chapter 4 Section 393, and hereafter provide for giving preference to the children of our barangay officials to be accepted in all state-run colleges and universities.

Considering the high cost of education, it is incumbent that government provide support to ensure that the children of our barangay officials will be able to receive free and quality education from the country's state-run colleges and universities.

  
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“AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER IV SECTION 393, B4 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE”

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

**SECTION 1.** Chapter IV Section 393, b4 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 393. Benefits of Barangay Officials.

“x x x

“(b) The Punong Barangay, the Sangguniang Barangay Members, the Barangay Treasurer & Secretary shall also:

“x x x

“(4) Be exempted during their incumbency from paying and matriculation fees for their legitimate dependent children attending state colleges or universities. He may likewise avail of such educational benefits in a state college or university located within the province or city to which the barangay belongs; and their **CHILDREN BE GIVEN PREFERENCE ON ADMISSION TO ABOVE MENTIONED SCHOOLS/EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**”

**SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

*Approved.*