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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant discounts to underprivileged vocational and technical education students. According to studies, many students in vocational and technical schools cannot afford the cost of books, school supplies and other basic education services. Granting discounts to these underprivileged students could help them and their family alleviate their economic and social conditions.

In view of the above benefits and to motivate students in their studies, this bill provides for a ten percent (10%) discount in the purchase of basic education services such as food, books and school supplies.

Immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
GRANTING DISCOUNTS TO UNDERPRIVILEGED VOCATIONAL AND
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INCENTIVES THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This act shall be known as the “Discounts to Underprivileged Students Act.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Towards this end, the State 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 under-privileged.

SECTION 3. Definition. “Underprivileged students” refers to those Filipino students enrolled in post-secondary non-degree technical-vocational courses and those enrolled in bachelor degree programs at the college level, including the beneficiaries of the Conditional Cash Transfer or Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) and other poverty reduction programs of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), whose parents have a gross annual income of not more than three hundred thousand pesos (Php 300,000.00).

SECTION 4. Discount. Any qualified student or beneficiary of this Act shall be entitled to a ten percent (10%) discount in all basic education services such as books, school supplies, food and medicines.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,