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## **Explanatory Note**

Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order is essential for the enjoyment by all people of the blessings of democracy.

However, as the Mamasapano incident reminded us recently, the maintenance of peace and order is not without risk to those who pursue it or their families, particularly the members of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Recognizing the considerable peril faced by members of the PNP, this bill seeks to institutionalize educational benefits to the surviving children of policemen who are slain in the line of action.

It proposes that all surviving children of members of the PNP who are killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to educational benefits from the time they are orphaned up to their completion of secondary education.

The benefits shall include tuition, and reasonable allowances for books, school supplies, transportation, clothing and food.

The grant of such should be seen as a grateful nation's way of repaying the valor of those who have given their full measure of devotion to the country. One gauge of how a government honors the ultimate sacrifice of those who had gallantly served the flag is the way it takes care of their loved ones.

This bill also seeks to establish the PNP Educational Benefit Trust Fund. The fund shall be funded through multiple sources and shall be used only for the purpose provided for in this act.

Speedy approval of this bill is urgently sought.

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### AN ACT

PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WHO ARE SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY, CREATING THE PNP EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

**SECTION 1.** Declaration of Policy- The State recognizes the immense risks and considerable harm faced by members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in fighting crime and ensuring the peace and order of the general public. As such, it shall be the policy of the State to provide educational benefits to the surviving children of members of the PNP who are slain in the line of duty.

**SECTION 2.** Educational Benefits- All surviving children of members of the PNP who are killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to educational benefits from the time they are orphaned up to their completion of secondary education. The benefits shall include tuition, and reasonable allowances for books, school supplies, transportation, clothing and food.

**SECTION 3.**PNP Educational Benefit Trust Fund- There is hereby created a trust fund, to be known as the PNP Educational Benefits Trust Fund, hereinafter referred to as "the fund". The fund shall be used exclusively for the provision of educational benefits under this act and shall be funded through the following:

(a) Annual Appropriations;

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(b) Proceeds generated from examination stamps, clearance and certification fees and other service income of the National Police Commission;

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Approved.