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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 402



Introduced by Rep. Dale "Along" R. Malapitan

RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE CRAFTING AND PROMULGATION OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11310, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) ACT, DEEMED TO BE IN FURTHERANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND SPIRIT OF THE SAID LAW".

Whereas, Republic Act. No. 11310, otherwise known as the "Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act," was enacted on April 17, 2019 which institutionalizes the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) as one of the government's major poverty alleviation programs;

Whereas, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), as the mandated lead agency tasked to promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the 4Ps Act, is now conducting national and regional consultations in pursuance of its authority under Section 23 of the said Act;

Whereas, it is within the ambit of the Congressional Oversight Power to scrutinize, investigate and supervise the works of an authorized agency in the crafting of implementing rules and regulations (IRRs) in order to ensure that the result thereof is consistent with the intent, spirit and wisdom of the law;

Whereas, the House Committee on Poverty Alleviation, in the exercise of its oversight function, held a meeting on September 24, 2019 purposely to scrutinize the exercise of the delegated law-making authority given to the DSWD under the 4Ps Act in the crafting of the necessary rules and regulations (IRR) therefor, to require an update, as well as to make recommendations or resolutions which it may deemed proper and necessary to ensure that the IRR is consistent with the legislative intent and further the spirit of the law in question;

Whereas, it was the collective desire and mutual sense of the Members that the following recommendations or proposals be seriously considered by the Department of Social Welfare and Development in the crafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11310, as follows:

- (1) That, the objectives of the program found on Rule III of the proposed IRR are to be couched in ways that follow the "outcome framework", which is considered to be more transparent and provide adequate and easy metrics in evaluating and assessing the impact of the program;
- (2) That, the IRR provide for an On-demand Application in order to give other households deemed to be eligible but which were not otherwise included in the initial assessment, the chance to be covered in the standard targeting system to be conducted by the DSWD;
- (3) That, in the mode of cash transfer, the rules shall include other choices of conduits taking into consideration their standard of performance base on regularity, reliability, safety and convenience in the disbursement of the subsidy;
- (4) That, to realize efficiency in monitoring religious compliance with the program's conditions, the DSDW should determine and set the ideal ratio of the number of case managers to that of household-beneficiaries as such will encourage obedience or submission to the conditions for the cash grants;
- (5) That, the rules provide for the details of the procedure to be followed in enforcing Section 12 of the Act on Noncompliance with Conditions. Cancellation of the privilege for cash grant shall only be made after a year of continuous violation of the conditions set forth in Section 11 of the Act but subject to the requirement for written notice to the responsible person of a reported qualified household-beneficiary, and case management as provided in Section 12.
- (6) That, Family Development Session as required under letter (f) of Section 11 of the Act shall include mandatory attendance by at least one responsible person of a household-beneficiary in two (2) government recognized or accredited NGO-sponsored skills training program or session on entrepreneurship or employment;
- (7) That, the rules provide for the criteria to be followed in the selection of parent leaders as well as their term of office who shall also qualify as case managers charged with the task of monitoring and ensuring full compliance by household-beneficiaries of the conditions of the program;

- (8) That, the rules shall incorporate the Rules of Procedure under the grievance redress system to be promulgated by the Advisory Council as mandated under letter (d), paragraph (3), Section 15 of the Act, as well as regulations or guidelines governing exit or graduation from the program;
- (9) That, said rules of procedures under the grievance redress system shall provide for separate rules governing grievances from household beneficiaries, and complaints from non-household beneficiaries aggrieved by the targeting or selection process conducted by the DSWD, and that these rules shall be consistent or compliant with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11032, also known as "An Act Promoting Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services;"
- (10) That, the Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Pamilyang Pantawid or SNPP be considered as one of the two representatives from accredited nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to the National Advisory Council (NAC) to be created pursuant to Section 15 of the Act;
- (11) That, the other representative from accredited nongovernmental organizations to the National Advisory Council shall be selected by all other NGOs working or monitoring social welfare services programs;
- (12) That, the rules shall include a declaration to the effect that members of household-beneficiaries are automatically covered by the "No-Balance Policy" of the national government for all inpatient or out-patient services provided by public hospitals consistent with Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Health Care Act; and
- (13) That, the rules shall contain a provision which gives priority to 4Ps personnel or workers under contract with the DSWD through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in the hiring of permanent or regular employees of the DSWD, subject to the conditions and qualifications set by civil service law, rules and regulations.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved, as it is hereby resolved, that the House of Representatives urges the Department of Social Welfare and Development to seriously consider its recommendations and proposals in the crafting and promulgation of the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of the Republic Act No. 11310, also known as the "Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act."

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Adopted.

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