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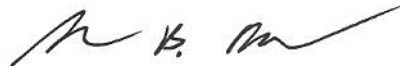
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Act seeks to exempt up to two dependents of teachers from the payment of tuition fees in all state colleges and universities in the country, by way of providing additional incentives so as to make the teaching profession attractive to the country's best and the brightest.

Now, more than ever, there is a need to upgrade the quality of education that we offer our students. A crucial component thereof should be a parallel effort to improve teaching instruction in the country and one of the ways to achieve that is to attract many of the best minds in the country to join the teaching profession.

However, the sad reality is that the present level of teachers' salaries is not that competitive, dissuading many of our brilliant minds from committing to teaching or leaving it for greener pastures.

The other reality is the financial limitations of our government, and thus, what is practicable and realistic are means which tap existing resources (state universities and colleges) so that we could creatively make the teaching profession as attractive as we could under the circumstances.



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AN ACT
GRANTING FREE TUITION FEES TO TEACHERS' DEPENDENTS

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 “Teachers’ Dependents Act of 2016..”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* The State recognizes the indispensable role of teachers in educating our citizenry. It is thus but fitting that the State ensure that the teaching profession attract the best and the brightest by making teachers’ compensation and benefits reasonably competitive.

SEC. 3. All teachers who are currently teaching in any public or private school in the country and who has been doing so for the last Ten (10) years, and all other teachers who in the future will satisfy said requirement shall enjoy the benefit of having his first two (2) children exempted from the payment of tuition fees in any state university or college in the country subject to the respective admission requirements of said schools.

SEC. 4. The Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Technical Education Skills and Development

Authority (TESDA) shall jointly formulate and issue the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. 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. 6. 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.