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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. Further, section 2(1) of the same article provides that the State shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.

However, there are school fees which under certain laws can be lawfully collected from the students to wit:

- a. membership fees in the Girl Scouts of the Philippines and the Boy Scouts of the Philippines under Republic Act No. 5546; and
- b. fees related to membership in the school community such as identification cards, student organizations and publications under Republic Act No. 6655.

The abovementioned fees are still burdensome on the part of the students and the parents. Hence, this bill aims to really help alleviate the financial burden of the students and parents by declaring the above fees free to be subsidized by the government.

Immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

TO SUBSIDIZE SCHOOL FEES IN ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared policy of the State to establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.

SECTION 2. School Fees' Subsidies. In addition to school fees declared to be free in other laws, the following school fees shall likewise be free to be subsidized by the government:

- a. membership fees in the Girl Scouts of the Philippines;
- b. membership fees in the Boy Scouts of the Philippines;
- c. identification card fee;
- d. student organization fee; and
- e. publication fee.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. — The provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be separable, and in the event any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, no other part, section or provision thereof shall be affected thereby.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. — All laws, parts of laws, executive orders, ordinances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,