Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5127



Introduced by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. (Sec.17, Article II, The 1987 Philippine Constitution). However, on account of the inherent condition of People with Disabilities (PWDs), who are, by nature of their limited physical capabilities, hardly able to send their children to school. The State, then, shall take up the cudgels for such children and underwrite their education from elementary to college.

Children of People with Disabilities (PWDs), for the most part, are more dedicated in their studies, hoping that they would improve the lot of their family and aspiring to make life better for their parents whose lives have been blighted on account of their physical limitations. With the State seeing to their unhampered education, these children would definitely contribute to the building of the nation.

The immediate passage of this proposed measure is highly recommended.

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AN ACT

GRANTING SCHOLARSHIPS TO CHILDREN OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled`

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Scholarship for children of PWDs Act."

- SEC. 2. There shall hereby be provided, under the supervision of the Department of Education and Commission on Higher Education in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Scholarship Grants to all children of People with Disabilities (PWDs).
- SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC. 4. If any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- SEC. 5. Any laws, decrees, or rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.
- SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,