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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Teaching is the profession that creates all other professions. But while teachers are genuinely fulfilled in their practice, they also struggle with the financial limitations of their career. Thus, it is only fitting that we reward these individuals with more benefits.

This bill seeks to provide educational benefits to public school teachers by institutionalizing the scholarship grants to them and their children. Through this initiative, public school teachers who have been in active duty for at least two years are eligible to avail of the scholarship grants to enroll in any master's or post-graduate course. Moreover, their legitimate children shall also be entitled to avail of the scholarship grant which covers pre-school, elementary, secondary, and tertiary education.

Through this bill, not only do we boost the morale and self-esteem of Filipino teachers, but we also contribute to their educational and professional growth. Furthermore, if enacted, this measure may attract more individuals to commit to the profession of teaching.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is urged.


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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS
AND THEIR CHILDREN

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 “*Scholarship Grants to Public School Teachers and their Children Act.*”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It shall be the policy of the State to provide access to free education to public school teachers and their children by providing them institutionalized scholarship grants. The scholarship grants to public school teachers will give them high morale and self-esteem. Providing their children access to free education will help these students become responsible and productive members of society.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the term:

1. “Children of public school teachers” shall refer to legitimate children of public school teachers;
2. “Free educational scholarship grant” shall refer to scholarship grants covering pre-school, elementary, secondary, and tertiary education; and
3. “Public school teachers” shall refer to all persons engaged in classroom teaching, in any level of instruction, on full-time basis or part-time basis, including guidance counselors, school librarians, industrial arts or vocational instructors, and all other persons performing supervisory and/or functions in all schools, colleges and universities operated by the Government or its political subdivision, but shall not include school nurses, school physicians, school dentists, and other school employees.

SECTION 4. *Scholarship Grant.* – The scholarship grants for public school teachers and their children shall cover preschool, elementary, secondary, as well as tertiary education.

SECTION 5. *Eligibility of public school teachers to avail of grant.* – Public school teachers who are in active service shall be eligible to avail of the scholarship grants to enroll in any graduate or post-graduate course. Provided, that the public school teacher shall have been in active duty for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to the date of application for the grant.

SECTION 6. *Eligibility of children of public school teachers to avail of the grant.* – Only legitimate children of public school teachers who are in active service shall be eligible to avail of the scholarship grant.

SECTION 7. *Eligibility of retired public school teachers to avail of grant.* – Retired public school teachers may avail of the scholarship grant for their children. However, their children shall be entitled only to a proportional amount of scholarship grant.

SECTION 8. *Schools where scholarship grant applicable.* – The scholarship grant shall be applicable in all public schools and state universities throughout the country. The children of public school teachers shall be qualified to avail of the scholarship grant only upon passing all the requirements set by the respective schools.

SECTION 9. *Forfeiture of grant.* – Public school teachers who have been charged and proven to have committed acts of professional misconduct shall forfeit their eligibility to avail of the grant. They shall also forfeit the eligibility to avail of the grant for their children.

SECTION 10. *Implementing Agency.* – The Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall be the implementing agencies for this Act. The above agencies shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provision hereof.

SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,