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Explanatory Note

It is the policy of the State to 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.¹

This proposed legislation recognizes the service of our public school teachers in educating the youth and their vital role in training the leaders of our tomorrow. Thus, this bill seeks to provide public school teachers and their children access to free education with the end goal of promoting high morale among our educators and enticing more teachers to render their services in the public school system. In turn, more teachers would educate our growing number of public school students, enabling better quality of education to Filipinos and consequently resulting to productive members of society.

As such, the passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.

FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO

¹ 1987 Constitution, Article II, Section 17.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "Teachers
2 Scholarship Act of 2022."

3 **Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to give
4 priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports. In
5 furtherance thereof, the State aims to provide our public school teachers and their
6 children scholarship grants as incentives to our teachers who devote their time,
7 effort, and knowledge in educating the leaders of tomorrow, our Filipino youth.

8 **Section 3. Definition of Terms.** – As used in this Act, the following terms
9 shall be understood, applied, and construed as follows:

10 (a) *Children* refers to legitimate, legitimated, legally adopted, or
11 illegitimate children of public school teachers;

12 (b) *Public School Teachers* refers to all persons engaged in classroom
13 teaching, in any level of instruction, on full-time basis, including guidance
14 counselors, school librarians, industrial arts or vocational instructors, sports coaches,
15 and all other persons performing supervisory and/or administrative functions in all

1 schools, colleges, and universities operated by the Philippine government or its
2 political subdivisions, but shall not cover school nurses, school physicians, school
3 dentists, and other school employees; and

4 (c) *Scholarship Grants* cover tuition, living expenses, and other fees to
5 obtain elementary, secondary, tertiary, masters, PhD, and post-graduate education.

6 **Section 4. *Scholarship Grants.*** – Children of eligible public school teachers
7 shall be automatically given scholarship grants covering their elementary, secondary,
8 and tertiary education.

9 Eligible public school teachers shall likewise be given scholarship grants to
10 obtain masters, PhD, or post-graduate education related to the subjects or courses
11 they are teaching.

12 The scholarship grants awarded under this Act shall be applicable in schools,
13 colleges, and universities operated by the Philippine government or its political
14 subdivisions.

15 **Section 5. *Eligibility of Public School Teachers.*** – Public school teachers
16 who are eligible to avail of the scholarship grants provided for under this Act are
17 those who are in active service for at least two (2) consecutive years immediately
18 prior to the date of application for the grant.

19 **Section 6. *Retired Public School Teachers.*** – Retired public school
20 teachers may avail of scholarship grants for their children in proportion to the
21 number of years they were in service as public school teachers, with two (2)
22 consecutive years of teaching equivalent to one (1) year of scholarship grant.

23 **Section 7. *Forfeiture of Grants.*** – Public school teachers who have
24 resigned, or have been separated, terminated, or adjudged with finality to have
25 committed acts of professional misconduct shall forfeit their eligibility to avail of
26 scholarship grants under this Act. Said forfeiture shall further cover their children.

27 **Section 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60)
28 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education and the

1 Commission on Higher Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to
2 carry out the provisions of this Act.

3 **Section 9. Separability Clause.** – If any part or provision of this Act shall
4 be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions not otherwise
5 affected shall remain in full force and effect.

6 **Section 10. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
7 proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances which are inconsistent
8 with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, or
9 repealed accordingly.

10 **Section 11. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
11 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
12 circulation.

Approved,