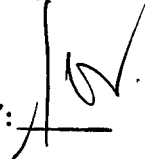


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Many of today's youth fail to enter and finish school due to the rising cost of tuition fees and the price hike of commodities such as books and school supplies. The cost of education has considerably increased over the years and at present, only a fortunate handful are able to go to school and actually finish tertiary education.

The proposed bill seeks to ease the pressure of high educational costs imposed upon students on a day-to-day basis by granting additional privileges and discounts to students on basic goods and services such as transportation, basic school supplies, tuition fees, and admission fees to galleries and museums.

If the government is able to pass a law providing discounts to senior citizens and persons with disabilities, then it is about time that we consider the plight of students who are our nation's future.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

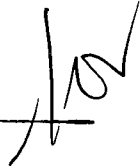


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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Student Privilege
2 Act of 2016.”

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4 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy
5 of the State to prioritize quality education and take appropriate steps to
6 make such education accessible to all by easing the pressure of high
7 educational costs through the grant of privileges and discounts to students
8 on basic goods and services.

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10 **SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** – As used in this Act, the following
11 terms shall mean:

12 a. Student – refers to any resident citizen of the Philippines,
13 regardless of age, and duly enrolled in the elementary, secondary,
14 or tertiary level in any public or private academic institution

1 recognized by the Department of Education (DepEd) and the
2 Commission on Higher Education (CHED);

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4 b. Discount – refers to an amount deducted or counted off from the
5 cost of goods or services;

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7 c. Education Services – refer to education-related expenditures such
8 but not limited to the purchase of books and school supplies.

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10 **SECTION 4. Benefits and Privileges.** – Upon presentation of a
11 Student Privilege Identification Card provided for under Section 5 of this Act,
12 a student shall be entitled to the following:

13 a. Twenty percent (20%) discount in actual fare for land
14 transportation travel in Public Utility Buses (PUBs), Public Utility
15 Jeepneys (PUJs), taxis, Asian Utility Vehicles (AUVs), shuttle
16 services and public railways, including Light Rail Transit (LRT),
17 Mass Rail Transit (MRT), and Philippine National Railways (PNR);

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19 b. Ten percent (10%) discount on the sale of textbooks and other
20 basic school supplies;

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22 c. Five percent (5%) discount on admission fees charged by theaters,
23 art galleries, libraries, stage theaters, and cultural events; and

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25 d. Free admission to museums and national historical shrines except
26 during school activities such as field trips, and subject to capacity
27 and availability to be determined by the National Museum and/or
28 the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

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1 All establishments and institutions concerned shall post or caused to
2 be posted, in conspicuous places within their premises, notices indicating
3 the benefits provided for under this Act.

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5 **SECTION 5. Student Privilege Identification Card.** – For purposes
6 of this Act, the DepEd or the CHED, as may be applicable, shall issue a
7 Student Privilege Identification Card to students, duly signed and validated
8 by the heads of their respective schools. The Student Privilege Identification
9 Card shall properly identify the student and contain the list of privileges
10 granted by this Act and shall be renewed annually. It is non-transferable
11 and violation hereof shall be a ground for the forfeiture of the privileges.

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13 **SECTION 6. Non-Dimuniton of Benefits.** – Nothing in this Act shall
14 be construed to diminish or abolish existing privileges granted by other laws
15 to students.

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17 **SECTION 7. Penalties.** – Violation of any provision of this Act shall be
18 punished, after due notice and hearing, according to the following:

19 a. For the first violation, suspension of the license to operate or the
20 business permit of the establishment or person concerned for not
21 less than two (2) weeks but not more than four (4) weeks and a fine
22 of not less than Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) but not more
23 than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00).

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25 b. For any subsequent violation, suspension of the license to operate
26 or the business permit of the establishment or the person
27 concerned for not less than four (4) weeks and a fine of not less
28 than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00), but not exceeding Two
29 Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00).

1 If the offender is a corporation, partnership, organization or any
2 similar entity, the officials thereof directly involved such as the president,
3 general manager, managing partner, or such other officer charged with the
4 management of the business affairs shall be liable therefor.

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6 **SECTION 8. Implementing Rules.** – The DepEd and the CHED, in
7 consultation with the Department of Finance (DOF) and Department of
8 Transportation (DOTr), National Museum (NM), and National Historical
9 Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), and other concerned private and
10 public agencies, shall issue the implementing rules and regulation to ensure
11 the effective implementation of this Act.

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13 **SECTION 9. Repealing Clause.** – All provisions of laws, orders,
14 decrees, including rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby
15 repealed and/or modified accordingly.

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17 **SECTION 10. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is
18 held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall
19 remain in force and effect.

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21 **SECTION 11. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen
22 (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of
23 general circulation.

Approved,