

SENATE

Senate Bill No. 1259

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Education serves as the foundation for sustained economic growth. For young people who have it stand to reap enormous benefits and success while those who do not are very likely destined to a life of hardship and want.

Day after day, as more and more young people waste away in the country's slums, streets and sweatshops, the republic suffers from an intellectual and moral hemorrhage. The lack of educational opportunity for young people is truly one of the worst tragedies that we witness.

In a study conducted on Philippine education, it was concluded that of the one hundred (100) pupils who entered elementary education, only eight (8) to ten (10) will possibly get college education. This is an alarming fact.

This measure seeks to draw our attention to the ever-pressing need for the availability of good education. This measure, along with other complementing bills will hopefully turn the tide and give the impoverished youth some hope for the future. Thus, all educational institutions will be required to grant full tuition scholarships to at least 10% of its college student population.

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

  
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**AN ACT  
REQUIRING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE COLLEGE  
SCHOLARSHIP GRANT TO AT LEAST TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THEIR  
STUDENT POPULATION WHO ARE POOR BUT DESERVING  
STUDENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1           SECTION 1. Short Title – This Act shall be known as “The Scholarship Program  
2 for Poor but Deserving Students Act.”  
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4           SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy – The State shall give priority to education,  
5 protect and promote the right of all citizens to qualify education at all levels and shall  
6 take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Towards this end,  
7 there shall be provided scholarship grants to poor but deserving Filipino students.  
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9           SECTION 3. Nature and Extent of Scholarship Grants – College Scholarship  
10 grants are hereby extended in the form of free tuition fee to at least ten percent (10%)  
11 of the student population of all colleges and universities who are poor but deserving  
12 students.  
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14           SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations – The Secretary of the  
15 Department of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the speedy  
16 and effective implementation of this scholarship program.  
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18           SECTION 5. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its  
19 complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.  
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21           Approved,