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SENATE
S.B. 2483

Introduced by Senator Villar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Parents often tell their children, "*edukasyon lang ang maipapamana namin sa inyo*" (education is our only inheritance to you). Despite the seeming apologetic words, the pride in their voice as they say it is unmistakable and largely based on their belief that the kind of education that their children will get can carry them to better times and stations in life. And as such, will be their best gift to their children.¹

The truism may be the guiding light why the corps of women and men serving as framers of the 1987 Philippine Constitution ensconced landmark provisions according the highest premium to education. It recognizes that the best weapon of every individual to succeed in life is through advancement in learning, viz:

"Article XIV, Section 1. The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

"Article XIV, Section. 5 (5) The State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment."

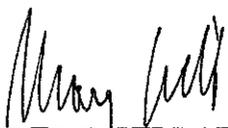
In the counterpart legislation in the House of Representatives, it quoted, "[w]hile it's true that education gets the biggest slice of the pie in the national budget, a closer scrutiny of the Education budget would reveal that our SCUs don't get what they

¹ "Governance in the Education Sector", Philippine Institute of Development Studies, July-August 2009, Vol. XXVII, No. 4

rightfully deserve, prompting our SCU heads to beg from the kind benevolence of lawmakers who have the heart for education and even using fund-raising schemes courtesy of their faculty, alumni and student bodies just to stay afloat -- year after year."

This legislation is submitted with the intention of helping support state universities and colleges (SUCs) and the funding assistance shall be sourced from the earnings of the state-run Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor). Accordingly, ten percent of the corporation's gross income shall be set aside for the support of SUCs.

The immediate enactment of this legislation is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTION TWELVE (12) OF PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE 1869 AS AMENDED AND ALLOCATING A PORTION OF THE FUNDS
GENERATED BY THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENTS AND GAMING
CORPORATION TO STATE RUN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AS FINANCIAL
SUPPORT.

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

Section 1. Section twelve (12) of Presidential Decree 1869 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Special Condition of Franchise. — After deducting five (5%) percent as Franchise Tax, the fifty (50%) percent share of the government in the aggregate gross earnings of the Corporation from this Franchise, or 60% if the aggregate gross earnings be less than P150,000,000.00, shall immediately be set aside and shall accrue to the General Fund to finance the priority infrastructure development projects and to finance the restoration of damaged or destroyed facilities due to calamities, as may be directed and authorized by the Office of the President of the Philippines.

Ten (10%) percent of the Corporation's gross income shall be set aside for the support of State run Colleges and Universities which must be released directly in full from the Philippine Amusements and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) to State run Universities and Colleges. Earnings of the corporation from the previous year must be released at least one month before every opening of the school year, to be divided equally among all State run Universities and Colleges in the Philippines.

Section 2. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders, rules or regulations, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 3. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.