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AN ACT

EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION ACT"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 10931 or the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary  
2 Education Act" is hereby amended to read as follows.

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4 "SEC. 7. *TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY (TES) for Filipino Students.* – To support  
5 the cost of tertiary education or any part or portion thereof, a TES is hereby established IN ALL  
6 SUCs, LUCs, PRIVATE HEIs AND TVIs for all Filipino students who [shall] enroll in THE  
7 FIRST undergraduate, post-secondary TERTIARY EDUCATION program[s] [of SUCs, LUCs,  
8 private HEIs and all TVIs] OF THEIR CHOICE. The TES shall be administered by the  
9 UniFAST Board and the amount necessary to fund the TES shall be included in the  
10 RESPECTIVE budgets of the CHED and the TESDA: *Provided,* That prioritization shall be  
11 given to students in the following order: (a) students who are part of households included in the  
12 UPDATED *Listahanan* 2.0, ranked according to the estimated per capita household income; and  
13 (b) students not part of the *Listahanan* 2.0, ranked according to estimated per capita household

1 income based on submitted documentation of proof of income to be determined by the UniFAST  
2 Board: *Provided, further*; That such prioritization shall not apply to Filipino students in cities  
3 and municipalities with no existing SUC or LUC campus AND PUBLIC TVI.  
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5 THERE SHALL BE A PROPORTIONAL BUDGETARY ALLOCATION IN THE FORM  
6 OF A VOUCHER SYSTEM FOR POOR AND ACADEMICALLY COMPETENT STUDENTS  
7 WHO OPT TO STUDY IN PRIVATE HEIs AND PRIVATE TVIs IN CITIES AND  
8 MUNICIPALITIES WHERE THERE ARE EXISTING SUCs, LUCs AND PUBLIC TVIs.  
9 STUDENTS FROM *LISTAHANAN* HOUSEHOLDS SHALL BE PRIORITIZED AS  
10 BENEFICIARIES OF THE TES IN AREAS WHERE THERE ARE NO EXISTING SUCs, LUCs  
11 AND PUBLIC TVIs.  
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13 ALL VOUCHERS ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY  
14 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING POOR AND ACADEMICALLY COMPETENT  
15 STUDENTS WHO OPT TO STUDY IN PRIVATE HEIs AND PRIVATE TVIs IN CITIES AND  
16 MUNICIPALITIES WHERE THERE ARE EXISTING SUCs, LUCs AND PUBLIC TVIs.  
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18 TO SUPPORT THE COST OF TERTIARY EDUCATION OR ANY PART OR PORTION  
19 THEREOF, [T]he TES may, among others, [and to support the cost of tertiary education or any part  
20 or portion thereof,] cover the following:  
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- 22 (a) Tuition and other school fees in private HEIs, and private or LGU-operated TVIs, which shall  
23 be equivalent to the tuition and other school fees of the nearest SUC or state-run TVI in their  
24 respective areas;  
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- 26 (b) [An] Allowance for books, SCHOOL supplies, transportation TO AND FROM SCHOOL,  
27 and [miscellaneous personal expenses, including a] reasonable allowance for the documented  
28 rental or purchase of a [personal computer or laptop] DESKTOP OR PORTABLE COMPUTER  
29 WHEN APPLICABLE [and other education-related expenses];  
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- 31 (c) An allowance for room and board costs incurred by the student WHEN APPLICABLE;  
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- 33 (d) xxx  
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- 35 (e) xxx  
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37 ALL TES BENEFICIARIES SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUCH BENEFITS OR  
38 SUBSIDY UNTIL THEY COMPLETE THEIR POST-SECONDARY TECHNICAL-  
39 VOCATIONAL COURSE OR HIGHER EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAM: *PROVIDED*,  
40 THAT THEY DO NOT FAIL IN ANY SUBJECT ENROLLED IN AND COMPLY WITH  
41 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE HEIs AND  
42 TVIs."  
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44 SEC. 2 Republic Act No. 10931, otherwise known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary  
45 Education Act", is hereby amended. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and  
46 regulations, and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are  
47 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

1 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a  
2 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,