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EXPLANATORY NOTE

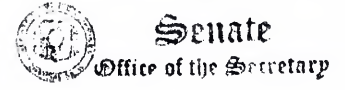
Article 2, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order is essential for the enjoyment by all people of the blessings of democracy. However, as the Mamasapano incident reminded us, as well as all other relevant operations against criminal activities, the maintenance of peace and order is not without risk to those who pursue it or their families, particularly the members of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Recognizing the considerable harm faced by members of the PNP in the performance of their duties, this bill seeks to institutionalize educational benefits to the surviving children of policemen who are slain or were permanently incapacitated in the line of action. It proposes that all surviving children of members of the PNP who are killed or were permanently incapacitated in the line of duty shall be entitled to educational benefits from the time they are orphaned or from the time of permanent incapacity of the officer up to the completion of secondary education. The benefits shall include tuition, and reasonable allowances for books, school supplies, transportation, clothing and food.

Speedy approval of this bill is urgently sought.


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

1 Section 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes the immense risks and
2 considerable harm faced by members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in
3 fighting crime and ensuring the peace and order of the general public. As such, it
4 shall be the policy of the State to provide educational benefits to the surviving
5 children of members of the PNP who are slain or are permanently incapacitated in
6 the line of duty.

7 Sec. 2. *Educational Benefits.* – All surviving children of members of the PNP
8 who are killed or are permanently incapacitated in the line of duty shall be entitled
9 to educational benefits from the time they are orphaned or from the time of the
10 physical incapacity of the officer up to the completion of secondary education. The
11 benefits shall include tuition as well as reasonable allowances for books, school
12 supplies, transportation, clothing, and food.

13 Sec. 3. *PNP Educational Benefit Trust Fund.* – There is hereby created a trust
14 fund to be known as the PNP Educational Benefits Trust Fund, hereinafter referred
15 to as “the Fund”, which shall be used exclusively for the provision of educational
16 benefits under this act and shall be funded through the following:

- 17 a) Annual Appropriations;

- 1 b) Proceeds generated from examination stamps, clearance and certification
2 fees and other service income of the National Police Commission;
3 c) Proceeds from license fees for firearms and fines and penalties collected
4 by the Philippine National Police, excluding the portion allocated for the
5 Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Department of National Defense
6 (DND) provided under Sections 8, 9, and 10 of Republic Act No. 6963, as
7 amended;
8 d) All interest income of the trust fund; and,
9 e) Grants, donations and endowments from domestic and foreign sources,
10 pursuant to existing laws and regulations

11 Sec. 4. *Administration of the Fund.* – The fund shall be administered by the
12 National Police Commission, in accordance with existing government auditing rules
13 and regulations.

14 Sec. 5. *Annual Report.* – The National Police Commission shall annually
15 submit to the Office of the President, the Senate, and the House of Representatives
16 a report on the disbursement and utilization of the Fund.

17 Sec. 6. *Non-diminution of Benefits.* – Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
18 reduce existing benefits granted under existing laws, decrees, executive orders, or
19 any contract, agreement, or policy between the employer and employee.

20 Sec. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within six months from the
21 effectivity of this Act, the National Police Commission, in coordination with the
22 Department of Interior and Local Government, the Unified Student Financial
23 Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Board, and other relevant
24 government agencies shall jointly promulgate the rules and regulations for the
25 effective implementation of this Act.

26 Sec. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be held
27 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain
28 in full force and effect.

29 Sec. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations
30 inconsistent with or contrary to this Act, are hereby deemed accordingly repealed or
31 amended.

1 Sec. 10. *Effectivity Clause* This Act shall take effect upon its publication in
2 the Official Gazette.

Approved,