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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
2 Quality Tertiary Education Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "Sec. 7. *TES for Filipino Students.* – To support the cost of
4 tertiary education or any part or portion thereof, a TES is hereby
5 established **IN ALL SUCS, LUCS, PRIVATE HEIS AND TVIS** for all
6 Filipino students who [shall] enroll in **THE** undergraduate, post-
7 secondary **TERTIARY EDUCATION OR TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL**
8 **TRAINING** program[s] [~~of SUCs, LUCs, private HEIs and all TVIs~~] **OF**
9 **THEIR CHOICE**. The TES shall be administered by the UniFAST Board
10 and the amount necessary to fund the TES shall be included in the
11 **RESPECTIVE** budgets of the CHED and the TESDA: *Provided, That*
12 prioritization shall be given to **QUALIFIED** students in the following
13 order: (a) students **ENROLLED IN SUCS, LUCS and PUBLIC TVIS**
14 who are part of households included in the **UPDATED OR MOST**

1 **RECENT** Listahanan 2.0, ranked according to the estimated per capita
2 household income; [and] (b) students **ENROLLED IN SUCS, LUCS**
3 **and PUBLIC TVIs WHO ARE** not part of the Listahanan 2.0, ranked
4 according to estimated per capita household income based on
5 submitted documentation of proof of income to be determined by the
6 UniFAST Board[~~:= Provided, further, That such prioritization shall not~~
7 ~~apply to Filipino students in cities and municipalities with no existing~~
8 ~~SUC or LUC campus]; (C) STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN~~
9 **PRIVATE HEIS AND TVIS IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES**
10 **WHERE THERE ARE NO ESTABLISHED SUC, LUC, OR PUBLIC**
11 **TVI; AND (D) STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN PRIVATE**
12 **HEIS AND TVIS IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WHERE**
13 **THERE ARE ESTABLISHED SUCS, LUCS, OR PUBLIC TVIS:**
14 ***PROVIDED, THAT THE CHED, IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER***
15 **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED AND IN ACCORDANCE**
16 **WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, SHALL DETERMINE THE**
17 **AMOUNT OF SUBSIDIES TO BE GRANTED, AND THE**
18 **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR TES BENEFICIARIES.**

19 **"TO SUPPORT THE COST OF TERTIARY EDUCATION OR**
20 **ANY PART OR PORTION THEREOF, [T]he TES may, among**
21 **others, [and to support the cost of tertiary education or any part or**
22 **portion thereof,] cover the following:**

23 (a) Tuition and other school fees in private HEIs, and private or
24 LGU-operated TVIs which shall be equivalent to the tuition
25 and other school fees of the nearest SUC or state-run TVI
26 in their respective areas;

27 (b) [An] **A[a]llowance for books, SCHOOL supplies,**
28 **transportation TO AND FROM SCHOOL, and**
29 **[miscellaneous personal expenses, including a] reasonable**
30 **allowance for the documented rental or purchase of a**
31 **[personal computer or laptop] DESKTOP OR PORTABLE**

1 **COMPUTERS** and other education-related expenses, **IF**
2 **APPLICABLE;**

3 (c) An allowance for room and board costs incurred by the
4 student **IF APPLICABLE;**

5 (d) xxx.

6 (e) xxx.

7 **ALL TES BENEFICIARIES SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE**
8 **SUCH BENEFITS OR SUBSIDY UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF**
9 **THEIR RESPECTIVE UNDERGRADUATE, POST-SECONDARY**
10 **TERTIARY EDUCATION OR TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL**
11 **PROGRAMS: PROVIDED, THAT THE TES BENEFICIARIES**
12 **SHALL COMPLY WITH THE RETENTION AND RESIDENCY**
13 **REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND**
14 **REGULATIONS OF THE HEIS AND TVIS."**

15 *Sec. 2. Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
16 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise
17 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

18 *Sec. 3. Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
19 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation
20 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
21 modified, or amended accordingly.

22 *Sec. 4. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication
23 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,