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AN ACT

**ALLOWING COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES TO TAKE THE PERIODIC AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS ON GOOD CAUSE AND JUSTIFIABLE GROUNDS**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to  
2 quality education and to take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all.

3           To this end, the State shall establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate and integrated  
4 system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. It shall also take into account the  
5 welfare of both the students and the schools by exercising just and reasonable supervision of the latter  
6 and ensuring that educational opportunities are made available to students regardless of their economic  
7 status.

8           **SEC. 2.** This Act shall cover all public and private higher education institutions (HEIs).  
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10           **SEC. 3.** College students enrolled in HEIs shall have the responsibility of meeting the academic  
11 and institutional requirements of the HEIs, including the prompt payment of financial obligations as  
12 defined and determined by the HEI at the time of enrolment, subject to penalties and sanctions for non-  
13 compliance.

14           Considering that higher education is imbued with public interest, all HEIs shall adopt  
15 appropriate policies to accommodate and allow students who, due to emergencies, force majeure, and

1 good cause or other justifiable reasons, have unsettled financial obligations to take the scheduled  
2 periodic examinations: *Provided*, That the student executes a promissory note for the schedule of  
3 settlement of the outstanding financial obligation prior to the taking of examination: *Provided, further*,  
4 That any deferment of payment of unpaid balance shall not go beyond the semester, except when  
5 allowed by the HEI.

6 **SEC. 4.** School authorities shall have the right to withhold the issuance of appropriate clearance  
7 and transfer credentials of college students with unpaid financial obligations and refuse their  
8 enrollment in the next enrollment period, whether semester or trimester, until all previous  
9 delinquencies are fully paid.

10 **SEC. 5.** HEIs found guilty of violating any provision of this Act shall be subject to  
11 administrative sanctions by the Commission on Higher Education pursuant to its powers under  
12 Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Act of 1994”.

13 Students found guilty of committing any act of fraud, falsehood or misrepresentation in  
14 availing themselves of the benefits of this Act shall be subject to appropriate administrative and  
15 disciplinary sanctions of the HEI.

16 **SEC. 6.** Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Higher  
17 Education shall, in consultation with relevant stakeholders in higher education, promulgate the  
18 implementing rules and regulations to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

19 **SEC. 7.** All laws, decrees, provisions of charters, executive orders, ordinances, rules and  
20 regulations or other parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act are repealed,  
21 amended or modified accordingly.

22 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*  
23 or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,