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1 SEC. 3. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 10931 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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3 "SEC. 7. TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY (TES) for Filipino Students. – To support  
4 the cost of tertiary education or any part or portion thereof, a TES is hereby established  
5 IN ALL SUCs, LUCs, PRIVATE HEIs AND TVIs for all Filipino students who [shall]  
6 enroll in THE FIRST undergraduate-post-secondary TERTIARY EDUCATION  
7 program[s] [of SUCs, LUCs, private HEIs and all TVIs] OF THEIR CHOICE. The  
8 TES shall be administered by the UniFAST Board and the amount necessary to fund  
9 the TES shall be included in the RESPECTIVE budgets of the CHED and the TESDA:  
10 *Provided*, That prioritization shall be given to students in the following order: (a)  
11 students who are part of households included in the UPDATED *Listahanan* [2.0] 3,  
12 LAUNCHED ON AUGUST 1, 2022 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
13 WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, ranked according to the estimated per capita  
14 household income; and (b) students not part of the *Listahanan* [2.0] 3, ranked  
15 according to estimated per capita household income based on [submitted  
16 documentation of] THE proof of income to be determined by the UniFAST Board:  
17 *Provided*[,] *further*, That such prioritization shall not apply to Filipino students in cities  
18 and municipalities with no existing SUC or LUC campus AND PUBLIC TVI:  
19 *PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT FILIPINO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN*  
20 *UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN PRIVATE HEIs IN CITIES AND*  
21 *MUNICIPALITIES WHERE AN SUC OR LUC EXISTS, BUT DOES NOT OFFER*  
22 *COMPARABLE OR EQUIVALENT DEGREE PROGRAMS, SHALL BE*  
23 *ELIGIBLE FOR TES.*  
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25 TO SUPPORT THE COST OF TERTIARY EDUCATION OR ANY PART  
26 OR PORTION THEREOF, [T]the TES may, among others, [and to support the cost  
27 of tertiary education or any part or portion thereof,] cover the following:  
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29 (a) Tuition and other school fees in private HEIs, and private [or LGU-operated]  
30 TVIs, which shall be equivalent to the tuition and other school fees of the nearest  
31 SUC or state-run TVI in their respective areas;  
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33 (b) [An] [a]AllowanceS for books, SCHOOL supplies, transportation TO AND  
34 FROM SCHOOL, and [miscellaneous personal expenses including a] reasonable  
35 allowance for the documented rental or purchase of a [personal computer or laptop]  
36 DESKTOP OR PORTABLE COMPUTER, WHEN APPLICABLE [and other  
37 education-related expenses];  
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39 (c) An allowance for room and board costs TO BE incurred by the student,  
40 WHEN APPLICABLE;  
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42 (d) xxx

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44 (e) xxx

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46 ALL TES BENEFICIARIES SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUCH  
47 BENEFITS OR SUBSIDY UNTIL THEY COMPLETE THEIR POST-  
48 SECONDARY TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSE OR HIGHER

1 EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAM: *PROVIDED*, THAT THEY COMPLY  
2 WITH RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
3 RULES OF THE HEIs AND TVIs.”

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6 **SEC. 4.** A new Section denominated as Section 7A is hereby inserted after Section  
7 7 of Republic Act No. 10931 to read as follows:

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9 “**SEC. 7A. VOUCHER SYSTEM FOR POOR AND ACADEMICALLY**  
10 **QUALIFIED STUDENTS OF PRIVATE HEIs AND TVIs.** – THERE SHALL BE  
11 A PROPORTIONAL BUDGETARY ALLOCATION TO SUPPORT POOR AND  
12 ACADEMICALLY QUALIFIED STUDENTS THROUGH A PORTABLE  
13 VOUCHER SYSTEM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE UNIFAST BOARD  
14 THAT SHALL ALLOW BENEFICIARIES TO STUDY IN PRIVATE HEIs AND  
15 PRIVATE TVIs IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WHERE THERE ARE  
16 EXISTING SUCs, LUCs, AND PUBLIC TVIs.

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18 THE ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS UNDER THE VOUCHER SYSTEM  
19 SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE UNIFAST BOARD, BASED ON  
20 REASONABLE ECONOMIC AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS, NOT  
21 LATER THAN THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR AS DETERMINED  
22 BY THE CHED, AND, IN THE CASE OF TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL  
23 STUDENTS, NOT LATER THAN THE PERIOD DESIGNATED BY THE  
24 TESDA, AND PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SPECIFIC TRAINING  
25 PROGRAM OR COURSE.

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27 STUDENTS OF PRIVATE HEIs AND PRIVATE TVIs WHO ARE TES  
28 GRANTEES CAN NO LONGER QUALIFY FOR THE VOUCHER SYSTEM.  
29 ALL VOUCHERS ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE USED  
30 EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING POOR AND  
31 ACADEMICALLY QUALIFIED STUDENTS WHO OPT TO STUDY IN  
32 PRIVATE HEIs AND PRIVATE TVIs IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES  
33 WHERE THERE ARE EXISTING SUCs, LUCs AND PUBLIC TVIs.”

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35 FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE  
36 EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THE UNIFAST BOARD SHALL  
37 COMMISSION A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE COST OF  
38 TUITION AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES FOR PRIVATE HEIs AND TVIs IN  
39 THE COUNTRY, WHICH SHALL BE THE NOMINAL VALUE OF THE  
40 VOUCHER UNDER THE SYSTEM. THE AMOUNT OF TUITION AND  
41 MISCELLANEOUS FEES SHALL BE REVIEWED EVERY THREE (3)  
42 YEARS TO ALLOW FOR ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO INFLATION.”

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44 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the CHED shall issue  
45 the rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

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47 **SEC. 6.** Republic Act No. 10931, otherwise known as the “Universal Access to Quality  
48 Tertiary Education Act”, is hereby amended. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,

1 rules and regulations, and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions  
2 of this Act are repealed, amended or modified accordingly.  
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4           **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
5 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,