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HOUSE BILL NO. 2231



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTOPHERSON “COCO” M. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*“A good education can change anyone.
A good teacher can change everything.”*
-UNKNOWN

The sorry state of our basic educational system, manifested, among others, by non-readers even among students in secondary schools, has been aggravated the last two-years by the resort to home learning modules during the Covid-19 pandemic. While many experts have identified poverty, which deprives young learners the opportunity to access educational materials that supplement government issued textbooks, many have also noted that the quality of the product is a function of the paucity of quality postgraduate education and trainings of many teachers.

This bill, therefore, seeks to respond to the second observation by providing an opportunity for teachers in both private and public schools in the basic education sector to enroll in

postgraduate studies related to their profession. Considering the low pay scales of public-school teachers and the lower pay-scales of teachers in small private institutions, the bill mandates that State Colleges and Universities shall provide free tuition and waive all other fees for these teachers who are enrolled or taking postgraduate courses related to their profession.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.



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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FREE TUITION AND WAIVER OF OTHER FEES TO ALL PUBLIC
AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
ENROLLED IN POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN EDUCATION IN STATE COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the “Free Postgraduate Studies for Teachers
2 in Basic Education Act.”

3 **SEC. 2.** Upon the effectivity of this Act, State Colleges and Universities shall provide
4 free tuition and waive all other fees and charges for teachers in both private and public
5 schools in basic elementary and secondary education who are enrolled or taking
6 postgraduate studies related to their profession. Financial assistance from scholarship funds
7 being managed by State Colleges and Universities, the Commission on Higher Education,
8 and other government agencies, may also be granted to those who are assigned in far-flung
9 communities where public transportation is not easily available or costly.

1 **SEC. 3.** The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall promulgate the rules
2 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

3 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
4 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

5 *Approved,*