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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

As provided under Republic Act No. 11310, the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program* (4Ps) is intended to build and develop the country's human capital and enhance the delivery of essential services to the poor, particularly in education, health, and nutrition. It serves as a key intervention aimed at breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

To that end, 4Ps has indeed improved the lives of Filipinos by delivering essential support to help mitigate the adverse effects of poverty. However, this representation also recognizes that it is equally important to ensure that beneficiaries are empowered to become economically self-sufficient in the long term.

This proposed measure envisions a more holistic approach to poverty alleviation. To further advance the goals of the 4Ps, this proposal seeks to integrate a livelihood assistance component that encourages beneficiaries to enroll in existing government training programs, such as those offered by TESDA, DTI, and other relevant agencies. This way, the beneficiaries are not only supported for a certain time but are given a real opportunity to uplift themselves and their families from poverty in a lasting and dignified manner.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT ENHANCING LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT IN 4PS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11310, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS)"**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 6 of Republic Act No. 11310, otherwise known as the "Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act", is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"Section 7. Conditional Cash Transfer to Beneficiaries.** – The Advisory Council shall determine the amount of conditional cash transfer to beneficiaries with the following schemes:

(a) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in day care and elementary programs shall not be lower than Three hundred pesos (P300.00) per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;

(b) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in junior high school shall not be lower than Five hundred pesos (P500.00) per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;

(c) Conditional cash transfer grant per child enrolled in senior high school shall not be lower than Seven hundred pesos (P700.00) per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;

(d) Health and nutrition grant shall not be lower than Seven hundred fifty pesos (P750.00) per month for a maximum of twelve (12) months per year; and

**(e) An additional conditional cash transfer grant per household or family shall not be lower than Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) per month for a maximum of six (6) months, provided that the condition under Section 11 (g) shall be complied with."**

**SECTION 2.** Section 11 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

**"Section 11. Conditions for Entitlement** - All qualified household-beneficiaries shall comply with all of the following conditions as a requirement for continued program eligibility:

(a) Pregnant women must avail of pre-natal services, give birth in a health facility attended by a skilled health professional, and receive post-partum care and post-natal care for her newborn;

(b) Children zero (0) to five (5) years old must receive regular preventive health and nutrition services including check-ups and vaccinations;

(c) Children one (1) to fourteen (14) years old must avail of deworming pills at least twice a year;

(d) Children three (3) to four (4) years old must attend day care or pre-school classes at least eighty-five percent (85%) of them time;

(e) Children five (5) to eighteen (18) years old must attend elementary or secondary classes at least eighty-five percent (85%) of their time;

(f) At least one (1) responsible person must attend family development sessions conducted by the DSWD, at least once a month; and

**(g) At least one (1) responsible person must successfully complete at least two (2) government-accredited livelihood and skills training programs, including those offered by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and Local Government Units (LGUs).**

Any or all of the conditions for entitlement may be suspended by the DSWD Secretary during times of calamities, war and armed conflicts.”

**SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations** – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DSWD shall promulgate the necessary revisions to the implementing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 4. Appropriations** - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against those authorized in the current and subsequent General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 5. Separability Clause** - If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. Repealing Clause** – Existing laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations or administrative regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

**SECTION 7. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,