

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on June 19, 2023 at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial resolution was approved:

Authored by SP Member Jerry Agerico B. Rosario

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 521-2023

INVITING TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN'S QUESTION HOUR THE REGIONAL HEAD OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE PROVINCE. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVINCIAL COLLEGE PROGRAMS. STUDENT AND SCHOLARSHIP PARENT **REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO** DISCUSS THE PRESENT STATE OF COLLEGE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 1, of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all";

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10931, or the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act," is a law that expanded and enhanced the coverage of Free Tuition 2017 and is composed of four (4) equally important programs, namely:

- 1. Free Higher Education (tuition and miscellaneous fees) in SUCs and CHED-recognized Local Universities and Colleges;
- 2. Free Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in public and private institutions registered with TESDA;
- 3. Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) or grants-in-aid for poor students in public and private institutions; and
- 4. Student Loan Program (SLP) for tertiary education students





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WHEREAS, it has reached the Sangguniang Panlalawigan that there is an ongoing problem in the availment, implementation and funding of some of these programs, particularly the Tertiary Education Subsidy traditionally enjoyed by many students in some local private colleges, resulting, in effect, to students scrambling to secure funds to finance their college education;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan is of the sense that this issue should be investigated so that causes of the problems may be identified and that possible remedies may be formulated or even legislated at the soonest possible time.

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing premises, on motion of SP Member Jerry Agerico B. Rosario, duly seconded, it was -

RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled to invite, as they are hereby invited, to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan's Question Hour the Regional Head of the Commission on Higher Education, Representatives of the Public and Private Colleges and Universities in the Province, Representatives of the Provincial College Scholarship Programs, Student and Parent Representatives as well as other stakeholders to discuss the present state of college education assistance programs in the Province of Pangasinan;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that this Resolution be furnished to the Regional Head of the Commission on Higher Education, Representatives of the Public and Private Colleges and Universities in the Province, Representatives of the Provincial College Scholarship Programs, Student and Parent Representatives, and other concerned stakeholders, for their information and guidance.

CERTIFIED BY VERNA T AVA-PEREZ Secretary o the Sanggunian ATTESTED: SP MEMBER NOEL C. BINCE Temporary Presiding Officer

