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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 522

Submitted by the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development;
Economic Affairs; and Finance on NOV 29 2018

Re: Senate Bill No. 2117

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 12, 33, 65, 310, 687, 1806 and 2016, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 123, 150, 192, 298, 844, 850 and House Bill No. 7773.

Sponsor: Senator Leila M. de Lima

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Economic Affairs; and Finance to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 12**, introduced by Senator Franklin M. Drilon, entitled:

**“AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG
PILIPINO PROGRAM TO ADDRESS POVERTY AND
PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT”**

Senate Bill No. 33, introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda, entitled:

**“AN ACT
TO REDUCE CHRONIC POVERTY AND PROMOTE HUMAN
CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY THROUGH
THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE PANTAWID
PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS)”**

Senate Bill No. 65, introduced by Senators Ralph G. Recto and Joel Villanueva, entitled:

**“AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING A CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER
PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC
INDEXATION OF CASH GRANTS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”**

Senate Bill No. 310, introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, entitled:

**“AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG
PILIPINO PROGRAM (4 PS) TO REDUCE POVERTY AND
PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT”**

Senate Bill No. 687, introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, entitled:

**“AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG
PILIPINO PROGRAM”**

Senate Bill No. 1806, introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros, entitled:

“AN ACT

**INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG
PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) TO REDUCE POVERTY AND
PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

Senate Bill No. 2016, introduced by Senator Leila M. de Lima, entitled:

**“AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG
PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) AS A HUMAN CAPITAL
INVESTMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAM”**

taking into consideration **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 123**, introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, entitled:

**“RESOLUTION
URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS
OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) WITH
THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING, AMENDING OR REVISING THE
CURRENTLY POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMS AND POLICIES OF
THE GOVERNMENT”**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 150, introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian, entitled:

**“RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPACT
TO THE ECONOMY OF THE CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER
PROGRAM, THROUGH THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO
PROGRAM (4PS), BY GENERATING EMPIRICAL DATA TO SHOW THAT
THE GOVERNMENTS EXPANSIVE INVESTMENTS ON EDUCATION**

**AND HEALTH HAVE HAD AN IMPACT ON THE REDUCTION OF
POVERTY AND INCOME INEQUALITY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PROVIDING DIRECTION TO FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
POLICY AND APPROPRIATION”**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 192, introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar,
entitled:

**“RESOLUTION
URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS
OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) WITH
THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING, AMENDING AND IMPROVING THE
PROGRAM TO EFFECTIVELY BRING ABOUT THE LIFTING OF THE
BENEFICIARIES OUT OF POVERTY”**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 298, introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar,
entitled:

**“RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE
AND REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE 4-PS CASH FOR RICE
SUBSIDY PROGRAM OF DSWD”**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 844, introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes
Nancy S. Binay, entitled:

**“RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UNCLAIMED P1.3
BILLION CASH GRANTS UNDER THE CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER
PROGRAM”**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 850, introduced by Senator Leila M. de Lima, entitled:

**“RESOLUTION
URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE P 1.323 BILLION
UNUTILIZED/UNWITHDRAWN AMOUNT OF THE PANTAWID
PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) REVEALED IN THE 2017
COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) REPORT”**

House Bill No. 7773, introduced by Representatives Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon, Romero Quimbo, Emmeline Aglipay-Villar, Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Rosenda Ann Ocampo, et. al, entitled:

**“AN ACT
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PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 2117 prepared by the Committee, entitled:

**“AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG
PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps)”**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 12, 33, 65, 310, 687, 1806 and 2016, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 123, 150, 192, 298, 844, 850 and House Bill No. 7773 with Senators Drilon, Legarda, Recto, Villanueva, Angara, Aquino, Hontiveros, De Lima, Ejercito, Gatchalian, Villar, and Binay as authors thereof.

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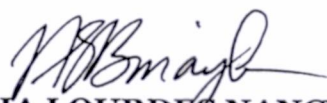

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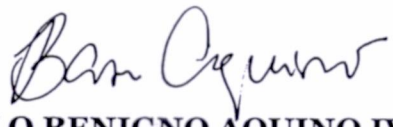

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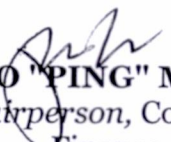

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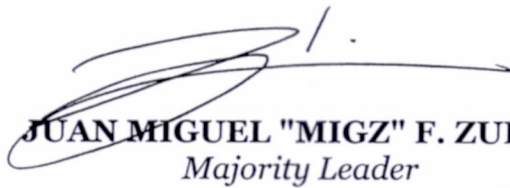
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(In substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 12, 33, 65, 310, 687, 1806 and 2016, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 123, 150, 192, 298, 844, 850 and House Bill No. 7773)

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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:

1 SECTION. 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Pantawid*
2 *Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act*”.

3 Sec. 2. **Declaration of Policies.** – The State shall promote a just and dynamic
4 social order thereby uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors from poverty
5 through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a
6 rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

7 The State recognizes the need to foster social justice as provided for in Article
8 XIII of the 1987 Constitution, as follows:

9 (a) The Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures that
10 protect and enhance the right of all the people to human dignity, reduce social,
11 economic, and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities by equitably
12 diffusing wealth and political power for the common good;

1 (b) The promotion of social justice shall include the commitment to create
2 economic opportunities based on freedom of initiative and self-reliance.

3 Towards this end, the State shall establish programs that invest and harness our
4 country's human capital and improvement of delivery of basic services to the poor,
5 particularly education, health and nutrition, which is an intervention anticipated to
6 break the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

7 (c) Break the intergenerational cycle of poverty through investment in human
8 capital and improved delivery of basic services to the poor, particularly education,
9 health, nutrition, and early childhood care and development;

10 (d) Promote gender equality and empowerment of women and children's rights;

11 (e) Achieve universal primary education;

12 (f) Reduce child mortality and malnutrition;

13 (g) Improve maternal health; and

14 (h) Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all.

15 Sec. 3. **Definition of Terms.** – As used in this Act, the following terms are
16 defined, as follows:

17 a) *Authorized Government Depository Banks* refers to banking institutions
18 accredited and managed by government which is also categorized as
19 Government-Owned and Controlled Corporation (GOCC) or Government
20 Financial Institution;

21 b) *Case Management* refers to a process used by the Department of Social Welfare
22 and Development (DSWD) to enable the household-beneficiaries to improve
23 their functioning by dealing with their difficulties specifically in complying with
24 the terms of the program;

25 c) *Compliance Verification* refers to the checking and monitoring undertaken to
26 ensure that the qualified household-beneficiaries comply with conditions for
27 entitlement set forth by the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps);

28 d) *Conditional Cash Grant* refers to the amount received by the qualified
29 household-beneficiaries who comply with the conditions for entitlement;

30 e) *Grantee* refers to the most responsible adult member of the qualified
31 household-beneficiary authorized to receive the conditional cash transfer;

- 1 f) *Grievance Redress System* refers to the mechanism of the DSWD which
2 addresses and resolves issues and concerns related to the implementation of
3 the Program;
- 4 g) *Health Facility* refers to a barangay health station, rural health unit, barangay
5 health center, infirmary or hospital;
- 6 h) *Institutionalization* refers to making the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program
7 (4Ps) an added function of the DSWD and a regular program funded from its
8 annual appropriation;
- 9 i) *Poor* refers to households whose income falls below the poverty threshold as
10 defined by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and
11 cannot afford in a sustained manner to provide their minimum basic needs of
12 food, health, education, housing and other essential amenities of life;
- 13 j) *Preventive Health Check Up* refers to health and nutrition services comprising
14 of complete immunization, deworming, growth and development monitoring,
15 management of childhood diseases; malnutrition, and services for pregnant,
16 lactating and post-partum women;
- 17 k) *Qualified Household-Beneficiaries* refers to household identified by the DSWD
18 for entitlement of the monthly conditional cash grant;
- 19 l) *Responsible Person* refers to the parent or guardian in the qualified household-
20 beneficiary;
- 21 m) *Standardized Targeting System* refers to a system for identifying who and
22 where the poor households are through the generation of socio-economic
23 database of poor households that is adopted by national government agencies
24 and implemented by the DSWD; and
- 25 n) *Sustainable Livelihood Program* is a livelihood and capability building
26 program managed by the DSWD for the poor, vulnerable and marginalized
27 families and individuals to help improve their socio-economic conditions. The
28 one-time livelihood assistance is in the form of microenterprise development
29 (MD) and employment facilitation (EF). The MD track provides
30 microenterprise interventions to the poor or savings generation. On the other
31 hand, the EF track provides interventions that facilitates employment.

32 Sec. 4. ***The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)***. – The
33 Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) is the national poverty reduction strategy

1 and a human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to
2 poor households for a maximum period of seven (7) years, to improve the health,
3 nutrition and education aspect of their lives. The National Advisory Council may
4 recommend a longer period under exceptional circumstances.

5 Sec. 5. **Selection of Qualified Household-Beneficiaries.** – On a nation-
6 wide basis, the DSWD shall select qualified household-beneficiaries of the 4Ps using a
7 standardized targeting system. It shall conduct a regular revalidation of beneficiary
8 targeting every three (3) years.

9 Sec. 6. **Eligible Beneficiaries.** – To be eligible for the cash grants,
10 households or families must meet the following criteria:

11 a) Those classified as poor and near-poor based on the Standardized Targeting
12 System and the poverty threshold issued by the PSA at the time of selection; or those
13 vulnerable households or families living under the circumstance associated with
14 poverty such as those in the informal settler sector, homeless families, indigenous
15 peoples, and those in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas;

16 b) Those household or families which, at the time of registration into the
17 program, have members who are aged 0 to 18 years old or have members who are
18 pregnant; and

19 c) Those who are willing to comply with the conditions specified by this Act.

20 Sec. 7. **Local Verification Committee.** – A Local Verification Committee
21 shall be created in every municipality or city composed of two (2) local government
22 unit representatives, a health worker from the barangay, a representative of a DSWD-
23 accredited civil society organization, and a representative designated by the
24 Department of Education (DepEd).

25 The Committee shall be tasked to ensure that the initial list of beneficiaries
26 satisfies the eligibility requirements set forth under this Act.

27 Sec. 8. **Conditional Cash Transfer to Beneficiaries.** – The Advisory
28 Council shall determine the amount of Conditional Cash Transfer to Beneficiaries with
29 the following schemes:

30 a) Conditional Cash transfer grant per child enrolled in Day care and
31 elementary programs shall not be lower than Three Hundred Pesos (₱300)
32 per month per child for a maximum of ten (10) months per year;

- 1 b) Conditional Cash transfer grant per child enrolled in junior high school shall
2 not be lower than Five Hundred Pesos (P500) per month per child for a
3 maximum of ten (10) months per year;
- 4 c) Conditional Cash transfer grant per child enrolled in Senior high school shall
5 not be lower than Seven Hundred Pesos (P700) per month per child for a
6 maximum of ten (10) months per year; and
- 7 d) Health and nutrition grant shall not be lower than Seven Hundred Fifty
8 Pesos (P750) per month for a maximum of twelve (12) months per year.

9 The education grant is given to a maximum of three (3) children per
10 household/family, aged 3 to 18 years old, per month within the school year.

11 The health/nutrition grant component aims to promote healthy practices and
12 family development, improve the health nutritional status of pregnant and post-
13 partum mothers, infants and young children, and increase the use of health services
14 by the household beneficiary. The health grant is a fixed amount and does not depend
15 on the number of members in the household.

16 **Sec. 9. Coverage in the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP).**

17 – All beneficiaries of 4Ps as identified by the standardized targeting system to be
18 qualified household-beneficiaries of the 4Ps shall automatically be covered in the
19 NHIP. The necessary funding for their coverage shall be sourced from revenue
20 generated pursuant to Republic Act. No. 10351, otherwise known as the “Sin Tax
21 Reform Act of 2012”.

22 **Sec. 10. Mode of Cash Transfer.** – The DSWD shall provide beneficiaries
23 with direct and secured access to cash grants through any number of Authorized
24 Government Depository Banks (AGDBs). For localities not adequately served by an
25 AGDB, the DSWD may, by itself or through an AGDB, contract the services of rural
26 banks, thrift banks, cooperative banks, and institutions engaged in money remittances
27 duly accredited by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

28 **Sec. 11. Periodic Assessment.** – The amounts indicated in Sec. 8 shall be
29 made available to the qualified household-beneficiaries during the first three (3) years
30 of the implementation of this Act. Reasonable adjustments may thereafter be made by
31 the President, if necessary, upon recommendation by the National Advisory Council
32 (NAC). The NAC shall ensure that the grant rates are sufficient to make a positive

1 impact on the health, nutrition and education of the beneficiaries and are timely
2 received and spent by the beneficiaries.

3 Sec. 12. **Conditions for Entitlement.** – All qualified household-beneficiaries
4 shall comply with all of the following conditions as a requirement for continued
5 program eligibility:

- 6 a) Pregnant women must avail of pre-natal services, give birth in a
7 health facility attended by a skilled health professional, and receive
8 post-partum care and post-natal care for her new born;
- 9 b) Children zero (0) to five (5) years old must receive regular preventive
10 health and nutrition services including check-ups and vaccinations;
- 11 c) Children one (1) to fourteen (14) years old must avail of de-worming
12 pills at least twice a year;
- 13 d) Children three (3) to four (4) years old must attend day care or pre-
14 school classes at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the time;
- 15 e) Children five (5) to eighteen (18) years old must attend elementary or
16 secondary classes at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the time; and
- 17 f) At least one (1) responsible person must attend family development
18 sessions conducted by the DSWD, at least once a month;

19 Sec. 13. **Non-Compliance with Conditions.** – The responsible person of a
20 reported qualified household-beneficiary who fails to comply with conditions set forth
21 in Sec. 13 of this Act shall at first be notified in writing and the payment of cash grants
22 will immediately be terminated. After four (4) months of non-compliance, the
23 household-beneficiary shall be subject to case management process of DSWD.

24 Should the qualified household-beneficiary so notified persist in not complying
25 with the conditions within a period of one (1) year since the day of receipt of the written
26 notification, the household beneficiary shall be removed from the program.

27 Sec. 14. **Livelihood interventions.** – Qualified household beneficiaries may
28 avail of the modalities and interventions under DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood
29 program or other appropriate or similar programs offered by other government
30 agencies or accredited private institutions.

1 The household beneficiary may also opt to also avail the employment
2 facilitation provided by the SLP or other employment programs of appropriate
3 government agencies implementing the same.

4 Sec. 15. **Lead Agency.** – The DSWD shall serve as the central planning,
5 coordinating, implementing and monitoring body of the program.

6 In the implementation of this Act, the DSWD shall perform the following
7 functions:

- 8 a) Select and use an appropriate, effective and cost-efficient method to identify
9 and select qualified household-beneficiaries;
- 10 b) Identify and select the target household-beneficiaries on the basis of a
11 uniform, objective and transparent selection process as indicated in Section
12 5 of this Act;
- 13 c) Coordinate with different national and local government agencies, including
14 organizations from the private sector to ensure full implementation of
15 statutory commitments herein;
- 16 d) Set up participatory monitoring and evaluation systems and methodologies
17 on compliance of conditions, implementation of operations, and output and
18 impact assessments. It shall also coordinate with the NAC and with the
19 Independent Monitoring Committee at the national and local levels, to
20 verify compliance on a monthly basis, using the monitoring and evaluation
21 systems designed for the purpose;
- 22 e) Recommend to the NAC measures and policies for the responsive delivery
23 of the commitments under this Act;
- 24 f) Identify the coverage of the 4Ps program based on the standardized
25 Targeting System;
- 26 g) Provide the seminar-workshops and training programs to educate qualified
27 household-beneficiaries about the conditions and other actions pertinent to
28 this Act;
- 29 h) Organize a session on Entrepreneurship and Disaster preparedness and risk
30 reduction or arrange a community development activity in the qualified
31 household-beneficiaries' respective barangay or municipality or city
32 whichever is available annually;

- 1 i) Submit an annual report to Congress on all aspects of its operations,
2 financial status and other relevant data;
3 j) Formulate implementing rules and guidelines for the enforcement of this
4 Act; and
5 k) Perform such other functions as may be necessary or incidental to the
6 proper implementation of the provisions of this Act.

7 Sec. 16. **Advisory Council.** – An Advisory Council shall be created at the city
8 or municipal, provincial, regional and national levels to be headed by the DSWD.

9 All advisory councils, from the level of city or municipal and provincial advisory
10 council to the NAC, shall have representatives from the Department of Social Welfare
11 and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education
12 (DepEd). The city, municipal, and provincial advisory councils shall have, as an
13 additional member, a local government representative.

14 The regional advisory councils and NAC shall have, as additional members,
15 representatives from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department
16 of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Agriculture (DA),
17 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry
18 (DTI), Department of Finance (DOF), National Economic and Development Authority
19 (NEDA), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), Technical Education
20 and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). The regional advisory councils shall also
21 have, as additional members, two (2) representatives from accredited NGOs working
22 or monitoring social welfare service programs.

23 The NAC shall have, as additional members, representatives from the National
24 Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
25 (NCIP), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), Council for the Welfare of
26 Children (CWC), National Nutrition Council (NNC), Population Commission
27 (PopCom), Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) and two (2)
28 representatives from accredited NGOs working or monitoring social welfare service
29 programs.

30 The Advisory Councils shall have the following functions:

- 1 a) Meet regularly to promote coordination across agencies to enhance the
2 implementation of the program and jointly address and resolve program
3 implementation issues;
- 4 b) Recommend to the President measures and policies for the responsive
5 delivery of the commitments under this Act and integration with the general
6 poverty reduction strategy of Government;
- 7 c) Promulgate a grievance redress system and the necessary rules to be
8 observed by the grievance committee established by this Act; and
- 9 d) Review the monitoring and assessment reports of the independent
10 monitoring committee and submit necessary policy recommendations to
11 congress to improve and strengthen the program, if necessary.

12 Sec. 17. **Grievance Committee.** – A Grievance Committee shall be
13 constituted at the local, regional, and national levels. This committee is tasked to
14 accept complaints and grievances pertaining to the features of 4Ps program that may
15 arise within their respective territorial jurisdictions. The DSWD shall designate focal
16 persons in the city or municipality, provincial and national levels to investigate any
17 complaints related to the implementation of this Act.

18 Sec. 18. **Independent Monitoring Committee.** – An Independent
19 Monitoring Committee shall be created at the regional, and national levels, composed
20 of representatives from the private sector and civil society organizations (CSOs) to
21 complement the monitoring activities of the DSWD and provide feedback for
22 appropriate action. It shall submit a report on the results of its monitoring activities
23 relative to the implementation of the program to the respective regional advisory
24 councils and the NAC.

25 Sec. 19. **Regular Monitoring.** – The DSWD shall monitor the
26 implementation of the program and report its status at least once every three (3) years
27 in order to ensure the attainment of the goals enumerated in Section 2 of this Act to
28 the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines.

29 Sec. 20. **Report of the Program.** – The DSWD shall annually publish a full
30 report of the 4Ps covering the implementation of the previous fiscal year. The said
31 report shall include financial disclosures, number of households included in the 4Ps,
32 and recommendations to the Advisory Council, the President and to both chambers of

1 Congress on how to further enhance it. This report shall be submitted to Congress
2 before the submission of the President's Budget Message.

3 Sec. 21 ***Convergence of Programs and Services.*** – Within the framework
4 of a national poverty alleviation strategy and a holistic social protection program, the
5 various agencies of government implementing multi-stakeholder programs and
6 services for the poor shall guarantee that the same complement and converge
7 seamlessly with the aim of ensuring that the targeted household-beneficiaries are
8 alleviated from poverty and remain non-poor even after the prescribed maximum
9 period for the conditional cash grant. Further, such convergence shall focus on the
10 enhancement of operational efficiency and strengthening of inter-agency partnership.
11 The government shall monitor the performance of these agencies to ensure the
12 sustainability and positive impact of its pro-poor programs.

13 Sec. 22. ***Program Transparency.*** – The DSWD shall regularly and timely
14 post and update on its website a report of financial disclosures and information about
15 beneficiaries based on geographical area, social, economic and cultural circumstances.

16 Sec. 23. ***Joint Congressional Oversight Committee.*** – Upon the
17 effectivity of this Act, a Congressional Oversight Committee, hereafter referred to as
18 the 4Ps Oversight Committee is hereby constituted. This Committee shall set the
19 overall framework to review the implementation of this Act. It shall likewise determine
20 inherent weaknesses in the law and recommend necessary remedial legislation or
21 executive measures.

22 The 4Ps Oversight Committee shall be composed of fourteen (14) members with
23 the chairpersons of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation of the House of
24 Representatives, and the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural
25 Development of the Senate as Co-Chairpersons; and six (6) members from each House,
26 to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Senate
27 President, respectively.

28 For purposes of determining remedial legislation, the 4Ps Oversight Committee
29 shall, within three (3) years after the effectivity of this Act, conduct a sunset review
30 which shall include a systematic evaluation of the impact of this Act, accomplishments
31 of the program, and the performance of its implementing agencies.

1 Sec. 24. **Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions
2 of this Act shall be charged against those authorized in the current and subsequent
3 General Appropriations Act.

4 Sec. 25. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within six (6) months
5 from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DSWD shall, in coordination with
6 appropriate government departments and agencies with the participation of the local
7 government units, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out
8 provisions of this Act.

9 Sec. 26. **Penalties.** – Any person, whether or not acting in conspiracy with
10 public officials, who, by act or omission, inserts or allows the insertion of data or false
11 information, or who diverts from what ought to be contained in the registry, with the
12 view of altering the fact, or aiding in the grant of the money to persons other than the
13 qualified household-beneficiaries, shall be penalized with imprisonment of not less
14 than one (1) month but not more one (1) year, or a fine of not less than Ten thousand
15 pesos (P10,000) but not more than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000) or both
16 imprisonment and fine, at the discretion of the court. If the offender is a public official,
17 he or she shall be penalized with temporary disqualification. Administrative sanctions
18 shall be imposed without prejudice to prosecution in the proper courts.

19 Sec. 27. **Separability Clause.** – Should any provision of this Act be found
20 unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder
21 of this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining
22 provisions of this Act.

23 Sec. 28. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, letters of instruction,
24 resolutions, orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this
25 Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

26 Sec. 29. **Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
27 following its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general
28 circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,