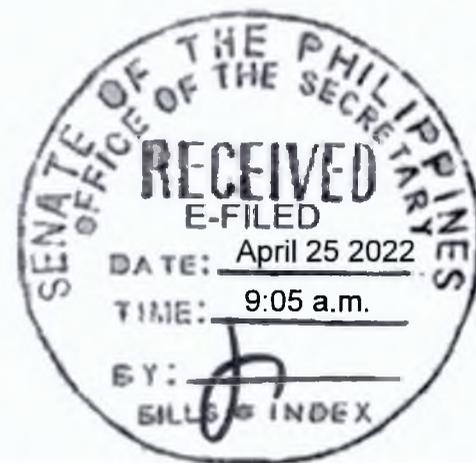


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P.S. Res. No. 1000

Introduced by SENATOR LEILA M. DE LIMA

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE,
WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED LAPSES IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11310, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE “PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS)
ACT”

1 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11310, otherwise known as the “Pantawid
2 Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act,” was enacted into law on April 17, 2019;

3 WHEREAS, the law provides for the institutionalization, expansion and
4 rationalization of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, hereinafter referred to as
5 “the Program,” which started as an initiative of the national government through the
6 Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);

7 WHEREAS, it also expressly mandates the upliftment of the poorest of the poor
8 from the clutches of poverty through programs that would improve the delivery of
9 basic services, particularly education, health and nutrition, early childhood care and
10 development and empowerment of women;

11 WHEREAS, the abovementioned mandate is also in line with the established
12 practice of using the State as an active agent in the creation of economic opportunities
13 that encourage freedom of initiative and self-reliance;

14 WHEREAS, Section 14 of the law designated the DSWD as the lead agency
15 responsible for the central planning and coordination for as well as implementation
16 and monitoring of the Program;

17 WHEREAS, information recently gathered from some beneficiaries indicate
18 that there were possible lapses in the implementation of the Program, including but

1 not limited to, delayed monthly financial benefits as well as reduction in the amounts
2 received in many areas covered by the Program nationwide;

3 WHEREAS, such lapses, if true, should be viewed with grave concern since
4 these could result in noncompliance by some household-beneficiaries with the
5 conditions for entitlement as provided for in Sections 11 and 12, respectively, of the
6 Program;

7 WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned lapses, some
8 sectors/stakeholders reported numerous instances wherein the lead agency failed to
9 provide pertinent data in a timely manner as required under Section 20 (Program
10 Transparency) of the law;

11 WHEREAS, it had even been recently reported that the 4Ps Act was being used
12 for politicking when fake news peddlers claimed that it would be discontinued had
13 certain incumbents not been re-elected into office in the coming May 2022 elections –
14 necessitating this representation to issue a statement assuaging the 4Ps beneficiaries
15 that the program will continue regardless of the results of the elections;¹

16 WHEREAS, the DSWD urged the public, especially its beneficiaries, to report
17 candidates who are using the agency’s programs, projects and services, like the 4Ps, in
18 advancing their political agenda;²

19 WHEREAS, among those which can be reported by the public are putting
20 names of politicians in relief items; repacking of relief goods and distribution of such
21 as their own supplies; and/or claims that any DSWD goods or programs are provided
22 due to their influence;³

23 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that the Senate look into the reported
24 lapses in the implementation of the 4Ps Act to prevent the same from occurring again,
25 as well as explore possible revisions to the law that would improve implementation of
26 the Program;

¹ Araneta, M. A. (5 April 2022). *De Lima slams ‘fake news’ on 4Ps*. Retrieved 8 April 2022, from <https://manilastandard.net/news/national/314219628/de-lima-slams-fake-news-on-4ps.html>

² De Vera-Ruiz, Ellalyn (13 April 2022). *DSWD urges public to report candidates using 4Ps, other programs in election campaigns*. Retrieved on 20 April 2022, from <https://mb.com.ph/2022/04/13/dswd-urges-public-to-report-candidates-using-4ps-other-programs-in-election-campaigns/>

³ *Ibid.*

1 WHEREAS, it is also in the interest of the public to be further educated on the
2 4Ps Act through an intensive information campaign by the DSWD and other
3 concerned agencies in order to allay public fears, dispel false rumors, and ensure that
4 this landmark legislation is rendered immune from the proliferation of fake news;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to
6 direct the Senate Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development to
7 conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the reported lapses in the implementation
8 of Republic Act No. 11310, otherwise known as the “Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino
9 Program (4Ps) Act”.

Adopted,


LEILA M. DE LIMA