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MECS O R D E R
No. 29, s. 1983

PRIVILEGES OF SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY OFFICIALS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities

1. The Local Government Code, approved into law on February 10, 1983, provides for certain privileges of all the duly elected/designated and qualified punong barangay, members of the Sangguniang Barangay, chairmen of Kabataang Barangays, barangay treasurers, and barangay secretaries, among others, viz:

"Be exempted during their incumbency from paying tuition and matriculation fees for a maximum of four of their legitimate dependent children attending public high schools and for a maximum of two of their legitimate dependent children attending state colleges and universities" (Sec. 94(f); underscoring supplied).

2. For purposes of the proper implementation of this Order, the term "tuition and miscellaneous fees" are meant as defined through MECS Order No. 23, s. 1983, the tuition fee which is intended "to cover the direct costs of instruction, training, and related research, and of the students' use of instruction/training/research facilities, including laboratories," and the part of the miscellaneous fees pertaining to registration only.

3. The privilege covered under this Order therefore excludes the portions of the total school fees which pertain to other fees which are collected "to cover other necessary costs supportive of instruction/training/research such as testing, athletic, library, and diplomas," and such portions of the miscellaneous fees related to extra or co-curricular activities and to membership in the school community such as identification, medical and dental, student organization, student publication, CMT, and other fees authorized by the MECS.

4. Effective the school year 1983-84, the aforementioned provision of the Local Government Code shall be implemented by all public secondary schools and state colleges and universities, subject to compliance

by each student of the admission, promotional/graduation and other internal rules and/or standards of the school, college or university concerned, and the submission of:

- a. a certification by the Mayor of the municipality concerned that the father/mother of the student is an incumbent barangay official, or that the student concerned is the chairman of the Kabataang Barangay, as provided under Section 94(1) of the Local Government Code;
- b. a copy of the student's Birth Certificate, or in the absence thereof, such other acceptable documents showing that the student concerned is the legitimate child of the barangay official claiming for the benefit; and
- c. an affidavit by the barangay official concerned that the student is his child who is living with him, is not employed, and is entirely dependent upon him for support.

5. Strict compliance with the regulations herein prescribed is enjoined.

(SGD.) ONOFRE D. CORPUZ
Minister

Reference:

MECS Order: (No. 23, s. 1983)

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