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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The development of grassroots sports in the country has long been overdue. In order to be able to compete internationally on a sustained level in the different sports, a basic education program is needed that is focused and specialized for the youth who have the gifts and potential.

While many of our students have proved their excellence in mathematics, science, languages, and other subjects, we have also seen many young Filipinos who have achieved excellence through sports.

Our young athletes have paved their own roads to victory and international acclaim. Our country is home to world champions in boxing, bowling, swimming, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, shooting, and wushu, among others.

We have the opportunity to support young athletes and provide them valuable education along with quality sports training through the passing of the Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS) Bill.

The PHSS will offer, on a scholarship basis, a secondary course with special emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports development.

It will then enable student-athletes to gain their secondary education while ensuring opportunities for their training, exposure and participation to sports competitions.


For a sports-loving nation like the Philippines, it is apt that an establishment of a high school for sports where the future Gilas and Azkals are honed, and future Paeng Nepomucenos and Eric Buhains are developed.

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

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*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 "Philippine High School for Sports Act".

2 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is declared policy of the State to recognize the vital role  
3 of the youth in nation-building and to promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual,  
4 intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and  
5 encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs. Likewise, the state shall give priority to  
6 education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster total human liberation and  
7 development.

8 **SECTION 3. Establishment of a Philippine High School for Sports.** – There is hereby established  
9 a Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS). The PHSS shall offer, on a scholarship basis, a  
10 secondary course with special emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the students  
11 through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports development, thereby enabling  
12 the students to gain their secondary education while ensuring opportunities for their  
13 participation in sports competition.

14 **SECTION 4. The Board of Trustees, Composition, Compensation and Term of Office.** – The PHSS  
15 shall be governed by a seven-member board of trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board,  
16 which shall be created to formulate and implement sports and education related policies

17 The Board shall be composed of the following:

- 18 (a) The Secretary of Education, as the Chairperson;
- 19 (b) The Executive director of the PHSS, as the Vice Chairpersons;
- 20 (c) The Chairperson of the Philippines Sports Commission (PSC), as member;
- 21 (d) The President of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), as member;
- 22 (e) One (1) representative from the private sector engaged in sports, to be appointed by  
23 the President, as member;
- 24 (f) One (1) representative from the Senate, To be designated by the Senate President,  
25 as member; and
- 26 (g) One (1) representative from the House of Representatives, to be designated by the  
27 Speaker, as member.

28 The Secretary of Education shall designate any of his Undersecretaries to serve as acting  
29 chairperson of the Board in His absence. The members of the Board who are not receiving any

1 regular compensation from the government shall be entitled to per diem for their attendance in  
2 Board Meetings, subject to allowable rates in accordance with existing laws.

3 The member of the Board who represents the private sector engaged in sports shall  
4 serve for eight (8) years, without reappointment, covering two (2) Olympic Games.

5 **SECTION 5. Powers and Duties of the Board.**- The Board shall:

- 6 (a) Formulate a national plan of action for the implementation of this Act;
- 7 (b) Formulate policies on appointment, promotion, retention, removal, renewal,  
8 rewards and incentives for administrators, faculty and staff;
- 9 (c) Determine the site of the PHSS, including the regional sites for later expansion;
- 10 (d) Approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Executive Director in  
11 connection with the employment of teaching and non-teaching personnel of the  
12 PHSS, subject to conditions to be set affecting Section 12 of this Act;
- 13 (e) Fix compensation and other conditions of employment in accordance with the Salary  
14 Standardization Law;
- 15 (f) Review and approve contracts entered into under Republic Act No. 8525 (Adopt-a-  
16 School act of 1998);
- 17 (g) Approve the curricula, course of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the  
18 Executive Council, as provided for in Section 8 of this Act;
- 19 (h) Approve the grant of scholarship, stipend and such allowances for students;
- 20 (i) Approve the budget and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the  
21 support of the PHSS;
- 22 (j) Provide fellowship grants for faculty member
- 23 (k) Approve the issuance of certificates of diplomas to successful candidates for  
24 graduation;
- 25 (l) Prescribe for the administration of the PHSS such general rules and regulation  
26 consistent with its purpose, as defined in Section 3 of this Act;
- 27 (m) Receive in trusts, legacies, gift and donations of real and personal properties and  
28 administer the same for the benefit of the PHSS or as aid to any of its students;
- 29 (n) Establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include,  
30 among others, examinations, national competitive screenings, and tryouts;
- 31 (o) Purchase receive, take or hold such real and personal properties as the transaction  
32 of the lawful business of this institution may reasonably and necessarily require,  
33 subject to the limitations prescribed by law;
- 34 (p) Recommend nominees for the position of PHSS Executive Director to the President  
35 of the Republic of the Philippines; and
- 36 (q) Exercise such other powers as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
37 Act.

38 **SECTION 6. The Executive Director.** - The Executive Director shall act as the school head vested  
39 with the authority to implement policies and programs approved by the Board and to manage  
40 and supervise the operation of the PHSS.

41 The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation  
42 of the Board of Trustees and cannot be removed from office except for cause.

43 **SECTION 7. Meeting and Quorum.** - A quorum of the Board shall hold regular monthly meetings  
44 and special meetings as may be necessary. A quorum shall consist of a majority of all members  
45 holding office at the time the Board meeting is called.

46 **SECTION 8. The Executive Council.** - There shall be established an Executive Council consisting  
47 of the Executive Director, the heads of departments and such other ranking faculty members of  
48 officials of the PHSS as may be determined by the Executive Director.

1 The Executive Council shall have the power to:

- 2 (a) Screen and select the students to be admitted to the PHSS;
- 3 (b) Select students who shall be recipients of scholarship, stipends and other
- 4 allowances, including those who shall benefit from the Adopt-A-School Law;
- 5 (c) Develop the curricula, course of study, training, and rules of discipline, all subject to
- 6 the approval of the Board;
- 7 (d) Distribute equitably the selection of students and scholars to all districts in the
- 8 country;
- 9 (e) Recommend students eligible for graduation;
- 10 (f) Exercise disciplinary power over the students through the Executive Director;
- 11 (g) Implement and execute the policies laid down by the Board; and
- 12 (h) Exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

13 **SECTION 9. *The School Registrar.*** - There shall be a registrar of the PHSS who shall also act as  
14 the Secretary of the Board, to be appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the  
15 Board, unless the Board appoints another who shall act as Secretary of the Board. The Registrar  
16 or the Board Secretary shall keep such records as may be prescribed by the Board.

17 **SECTION 10. *The School Treasurer.*** - There shall be a Treasurer of the PHSS who shall be  
18 appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board. All PHSS-funded accounts  
19 and expenses shall be subject to appropriate auditing rules and procedures set forth by the  
20 Commission on Audit

21 **SECTION 11. *PHHS Fund.***- All trusts, legacies, gifts, and donations of real property to the PHSS  
22 shall constitute a special fund to be known as the PHSS Fund. The Fund shall be expended by  
23 the Board exclusively to achieve the purposes of this Act: Provided, that no amount shall be  
24 used for personnel services.

25 **SECTION 12. *Details of Properties and Employees.*** - Heads of bureaus or offices of the national  
26 government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the Executive Director  
27 of the PHSS, such apparatus, supplies and other properties as may be needed by the high  
28 school, and to detail employees for duty therein, when in the judgment of the head of the  
29 bureau or office, they can be spared without serious detriment to public service. Employees so  
30 detailed shall perform such duties as are required and the time employed shall be counted as  
31 part of their regular official hours, all laws, rules and regulations limiting the detail of  
32 government employees notwithstanding.

33 **SECTION 13. *Accomplishment Report.***- The board shall submit to the President of the Republic  
34 of the Philippines and to the Congress of the Philippines a detailed annual accomplishment  
35 report, setting forth the progress, condition and needs of the high school including its financial  
36 statements on or before the fifteenth day of June of each year.

37 **SECTION 14. *Appropriations.*** - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the  
38 Department's programs the operation of the PHSS, the funding of which shall be included in the  
39 annual General Appropriations Act.

40 In addition, the operational expenses of the school shall be augmented from the following  
41 sources:

- 42 a.) Fifty million pesos (50,000,000.00) to form the seed capital to be taken from
- 43 the annual earnings of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation
- 44 (PAGCOR);and

1                   b.) Five million pesos (5,000,000.00) per year for a period of ten (10) years from  
2                   the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) to be charged from the  
3                   charity fund, subject to liquidation prior to subsequent releases.

4   **SECTION 15. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.***- Within ninety (90) days from the approval  
5 of this Act, the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the heads of other participating  
6 government agencies, shall formulate the rules and regulation implementing the provision of  
7 this Act. The Implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect  
8 thirty (30) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

9   **SECTION 16. *Separability Clause.***- If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional,  
10 the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

11   **SECTION 17. *Repealing Clause.***- All laws, decrees, orders and rules and regulations contrary to  
12 or inconsistent with provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

13   **SECTION 18. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
14 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

15                   Approved,