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AN ACT
REQUIRING AN ANNUAL REPORT ON INJURIES SUSTAINED BY
ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SCHOOL
SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Constitution, Article 14, Section 19:

(1) The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

(2) All educational institutions shall undertake regular sports activities throughout the country in cooperation with athletic clubs and other sectors.

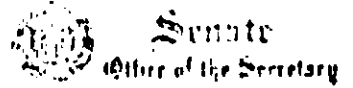
This bill reinforces this Constitutional provision by establishing a system wherein the cause of injuries that happened during physical education classes and other sports programs may be identified. Through the information provided by all school districts, the Department of Education will be able to aid the school districts by formulating programs to reduce the incidence of such injuries.

The statistics compiled by the Department of Education will enable the Department of Health to set policy and establish programs to reduce the number of sports related injuries in the schools.¹

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¹ This bill was originally filed in the Fourteenth Congress, Second Regular Session and refiled in the Fifteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. *Annual Report.* – The Secretary of Education shall prepare, based
2 on information submitted by each school district, an annual report of each occurrence of
3 injuries sustained by students while they are participating in elementary and high school
4 sports and physical education programs.

5 SECTION 2. *Content.* – The report shall include information concerning types
6 of injuries common to certain categories of students based on age, grade level, sex,
7 physical handicap, prior history of injury or illness, sports or activities participated in,
8 and any other categories the Secretary may deem appropriate.

9 SECTION 3. *Confidentiality.* – Information submitted by school districts shall
10 be kept confidential by the department. The Secretary's annual report shall in no manner
11 reveal the identities of the individuals involved.

12 SECTION 4. *Policy Making.* – Based on the information compiled, the Secretary
13 of Education, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, shall formulate policy and
14 develop programs and conferences for school districts on injury prevention and on
15 suitable athletic and physical education programs.

1 **SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations
2 or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended
3 or modified accordingly.

4 **SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is
5 declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which
6 are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

7 **SECTION 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
8 following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
9 circulation.

Approved,

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