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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State, as mandated by Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution, prioritizes sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Despite the increasing number of our promising Filipino athletes, the roles of the State to develop and promote the sports and to fully provide support for the Filipino athletes remain not fully realized.

With the recent approval into law of the creation of the Philippine Sports Training Center which shall serve as the official home for training and development of the National athletes, it is but proper to reinforce such an ambitious act with bolstering the competency of our athletes not just in the realm of sports but also in their education.

In this regard, this proposed bill seeks to establish the Philippine National Sports Academy (PNSA) which shall serve as the lead training center to hone the skills and talents of the high school athletes.

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

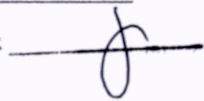
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine National Sports
2 Academy (PNSA) Act of 2019.”

3 **SEC. 2.** *Declaration of Principles.* It is hereby declared to be the national policy to make
4 available the highest possible quality of educational and physical training to Filipino athletes
5 in view of producing competent sports practitioners and world-class athletes in accord with
6 international standards of performance to the most talented athletes.

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8 It is also declared the national policy to acknowledge the need of a primary institution
9 organized for systematic conveyance of educational and training services in the country to carry
10 out the declared national policy in the preceding paragraph.

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12 **SEC. 3.** *Creation and Objectives of the Academy.* There is hereby a Philippine National Sports
13 Academy (PNSA), hereinafter referred to as the “National Sports Academy,” which shall be
14 the primary agency in the implementation of the provisions of this Act.

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16 For purposes of general policy and program coordination, supervision and direction, the
17 National Sports Academy shall be an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission,
18 hereinafter referred to as the “Commission.”

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20 The National Academy shall have the following objectives:

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22 (a) To serve as the lead education and training arm of the Commission in the development
23 of a national pool of athletes for all sports competitions and a national pool of excellently-
24 trained sports manpower capable of training the youth for physical fitness and sports;

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1 (b) To train coaches, trainers, sports managers, referees, umpires, and other sports
2 professionals and practitioners, in coordination with the various National Sports
3 Associations, the Department of Education and educators in different levels of
4 specialization, through non-academic degree and other specialization certificate or
5 proficiency programs in sports-specific courses;
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7 (c) To conduct basic and applied research relevant to physical fitness, sports development
8 and sports science, particularly in sports suited to the physical and mental attributes of
9 the Filipinos;
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11 (d) To enter and engage in a consortium with public and private schools offering degree
12 and non-degree courses in physical education and sports;
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14 (e) To perform such other functions and exercise such other powers necessary to carry
15 out the declared policies, objectives, and the provisions of this Act.
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17 **SEC. 4. *Programs and Operations Plans.*** The National Academy shall have a medium-term
18 program and operations plan for five (5) years and a long-term comprehensive plan for ten (10)
19 years, to be reviewed and updated periodically as may be necessary to carry out the programs
20 and objectives of this Act.
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22 **SEC. 5. *Headquarters, Housing and Places of Activities.*** - The headquarters of the National
23 Academy shall be at the Philippine Sports Training Center (PSTC), or in such other place to be
24 determined by the Board as it may deem necessary for the program plan.
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26 The activities of the National Sports Academy pursuant to this Act may also be carried out in
27 satellite regional training centers, in venues agreed upon with the consortium of public and
28 private schools, or in such other places within or outside the country as the National Sports
29 Academy may decide in order to implement the provisions of this Act.
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31 **SEC. 6. *Board of Trustees.*** - The administration, operation, and management of the National
32 Sports Academy shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the "Board,"
33 which shall be composed of the following:
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35 (1) The Commission Chairman as ex-officio Chairman of the Board;
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37 (2) A representative of the Department of Education (DepEd), of undersecretary rank, who
38 shall be ex-officio Vice-Chairman;
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40 (3) A representative of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), with the rank of
41 Assistant Commissioner;
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43 (4) A representative of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
44 (TESDA);
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46 (5) A representative of the National, Regional, Provincial, City, Municipal and Barangay
47 Physical Fitness and Sports Development Council (PFSDC) created under Executive
48 Order 63;
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50 (6) A representative of the academe in the field of sports education and training;

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2 (7) A representative of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC);
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4 (8) The President of the National Academy as ex-officio member.
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6 The Chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission, the representative of the
7 Department of Education, the representative of the Commission on Higher Education, the
8 representative of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, and the
9 representative of the National Physical Fitness and Sports Development Council shall have an
10 ex-officio term of office, while the representative of the academe and of the Philippine
11 Olympic Committee shall be appointed by the President for a term of four (4) years or shall
12 serve until their successors shall have been duly appointed and qualified.
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14 The Board shall transact business with a quorum of at least five (5) trustees at a meeting
15 presided over by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. All processes against the Board shall be
16 served on the Chairman.
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18 **SEC. 7. Powers and Functions of the Board.** - The board of trustees shall formulate, approve
19 and carry out the medium-term and long-term plans of the National Sports Academy as
20 provided in this Act and shall exercise and perform the following powers and functions in
21 consonance with the policy set forth in this Act:

- 22 (a) To provide for the planning, implementation and evaluation of a curricula leading to
23 non-degree courses in physical education through the grant of certificates in certain areas
24 of specialization, such as, but not limited to the following:

- 25 (1) Certificate in Sports Coaching;
26 (2) Certificate in Sports Fitness Management;
27 (3) Certificate in Sports Management;
28 (4) Certificate in Sports Medicine;
29 (5) Certificate in Physical Education;
30 (6) Certificate in Recreation Management;
31 (7) Certificate in Sports Administration;
32 (8) Certificate in Sports Science.
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- 34 (b) To formulate and implement a materials development program which shall directly
35 manage, maintain, preserve and gather data or information for the following facilities of the
36 national academy:
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- 38 (1) Sports Medicine Laboratory;
39 (2) Sports Museum;
40 (3) Sports Library; and
41 (4) Sports Information Bank
42 (5) Sports Research
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- 44 (c) To provide for the training and certification of sports manpower, such as, but not limited
45 to the following:

- 46 (1) Coaches;
47 (2) Sports Officiating Officials;

- 1 (3) Sports Managers;
2 (4) Community Sports Leaders; or
3 (5) Sports Coordinators.

4 (d) To extend assistance to athletes and to other sports practitioners, as well as to national
5 sports associations, whenever possible, utilizing its resources in the conduct of athletic
6 training, international exchange program and sports distance study program.

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8 (e) To provide opportunities for national and other potential national athletes to attain
9 certificates, diplomas or degrees of completion in elementary, high school and college
10 education levels in coordination with the Department of Education Culture and Sports,
11 Commission on Higher Education and other concerned government agencies.

12 (f) To recruit professors, instructors, lecturers and other employees of the Academy, to fix
13 their compensation, hours of service, duties and other terms and conditions of employment
14 as it may deem proper, to grant them, at its discretion, leave of absence under such
15 regulations as it may promulgate, and to remove them for cause after due investigation and
16 hearing;

17 (g) To set up a trust fund and receive as part of said trust such legacies, gifts, and donations
18 of real and personal property of all kinds and administer the same for the benefit of the
19 National Academy or a department thereof, or for aid to any student athletes or for any other
20 purpose in accordance with the conditions of the donation and, in default thereof, pursuant
21 to the National Academy's programs in such manner as the Board may, in its discretion,
22 determine but in no case for administrative operations;

23 (h) To submit an annual report on the qualitative and quantitative achievements on the
24 implementation of this act to the president and to congress; and

25 (i) To prescribe rules for its own governance, and to enact such regulations, not contrary to
26 law, as are consistent with the purposes of the National Sports Academy as defined in this
27 Act.

28 **SEC. 8. *President, Vice President and Directors.*** - There shall be a President who shall be
29 appointed by the President of the Philippines. He shall be assisted by a Vice President, one (1)
30 Director for Administration and Finance, and one (1) Director for Academic Affairs. The
31 President shall act as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Academy and shall have a
32 rank equivalent to that of the President of a State College or State University.

33 **SEC. 9. *Funding.*** - There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the implementation of
34 this Act by the National Sports Academy the amount of One Hundred Million Pesos
35 (P100,000,000.00) from the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for the initial
36 operations and projects of the National Sports Academy as an attached agency of the
37 Commission. Thereafter, such amount needed to implement this Act shall be included in the
38 Annual Appropriations Act of the Commission for the implementation of this Act
39 and earmarked for the operations of the National Academy.

40 **SEC. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within 180 days from the effectivity of this
41 Act, the PSC shall, in consultation with the DepEd, CHED and TESDA, with the participation

1 of the POC and various NSAs, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
2 implementation of this Act.

3 **SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision
4 to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Act or the application of
5 such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

6 **SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, rules or orders inconsistent with the provisions of this
7 Act are hereby repealed.

8 **SEC. 13. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect upon completion of its publication in at least
9 one (1) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,