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PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF STUDENT-ATHLETES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, Section 19 (1) of the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes that "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."

Student-Athletes are a pool of students who have exceptional talents and skills in sports that could be further honed and developed in a school setting. At a young age, they have to embrace a dual role – being a student and an athlete at the same time. Thus, this bill recognizes their special circumstance and aims to provide support and parameters on how they can thrive and excel in both fields of study and sports.

As a bill of rights for Student-Athletes, it endeavors to address issues and concerns encountered for many years by many Student-Athletes past and present because, aside from Republic Act No. 10676 or the "Student-Athletes Protection Act", there is a dearth of laws which promote and protect the overall welfare of Student-Athletes.

This bill, which was drafted and first filed by the undersigned in the 16th Congress, provides appropriate recognition and protection to the rights and general welfare of Student-Athletes encompassing academic, amateur sports, and mental and

physical health aspects. On the other hand, it also acknowledges that these Student-Athletes are in a special situation and thus the bill also specifies the accompanying responsibilities that they have to fulfill to this end. Schools, athletic associations, Student-Athletes, and their parents shall recognize and uphold the amateur nature of the programs and competitions that Student-Athletes participate in.

This bill also recognizes that Student-Athletes should be protected from any discriminatory policies that may restrict their participation in any field of amateur sports that they have chosen to participate and compete in, and consequently hinder the development of their full potential as athletes and well-rounded citizens of our country.

Lastly, this proposed measure recognizes the vital role of the schools and accredited athletic associations, not only in providing the opportunity and avenue for Student-Athletes to participate and excel in sports, but also ensuring the protection of Student-Athletes from physical harm, discrimination, and other potentially harmful consequences of training and competing in their respective fields of amateur sports.

In view of the foregoing, the passage 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 "*Magna Carta of*  
2 *Student-Athletes.*"

3 Sec. 2. *Coverage.* – This Act shall apply to Student-Athletes of any school that  
4 conducts athletic programs and competitions.

5 Sec. 3. *Declaration of Policy.* – Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution  
6 recognizes the role of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to  
7 quality education at all levels, and to take appropriate steps to make such education  
8 accessible to all. Further, Section 19 (1) of the same Article provides that the State  
9 shall promote physical education, sports programs, and competitions alongside  
10 training for international competitions to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and  
11 excellence for the attainment of a healthy and alert citizenry. Thus, the State shall  
12 recognize and uphold the rights of Student-Athletes to further hone their skills and  
13 abilities in their respective fields of amateur sports without neglecting their education  
14 and general well-being.

15 It is the intention of this law to protect and promote the rights of the Student-  
16 Athlete, who is, first and foremost, a student. To this end, the rights guaranteed by  
17 this law and the obligations imposed on schools, athletic associations, and their  
18 officials and representatives shall seek to ensure that the Student-Athlete attains  
19 quality education while honing his/her skill and reaching his/her full potential as an

1 athlete in an amateur sports setting. Ultimately, this law aims to enable the Student-  
2 Athlete to enjoy a balanced life while in school and at play.

3           Sec. 4. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the following terms shall be  
4 defined as follows:

5           a. *Athletic Association* refers to any organization that is responsible for  
6 governing inter-school athletic programs and competitions such as, but  
7 not limited to, the Private Schools Athletic Association (PRISAA),  
8 University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP), National  
9 Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Women’s National Collegiate  
10 Athletic Association (WNCAA), State Colleges and Universities Athletic  
11 Association (SCUAA), Cebu Schools Athletic Foundation Inc. (CESAFI),  
12 and National Capital Region Athletic Association (NCRAA), among others  
13 but shall not include National Sports Associations (NSAs).

14           b. *National Sports Associations (NSAs)* refer to associations organized for  
15 their respective sports in the Philippines and/or affiliated with their  
16 respective international federations which are recognized by the  
17 International Olympic Committee or the Philippine Sports Commission  
18 (PSC), including associations formed to represent the interest of athletes  
19 in a particular sport.

20           c. *School* refers to an institution recognized by the State which undertakes  
21 educational operations such as grade school, high school, college,  
22 university, or technical-vocational education and training institution.

23           d. *Student-Athlete* refers to a student currently enrolled in any school who  
24 is part of any of the school’s athletic teams or programs and is  
25 representing or has an intention to represent the school in an inter-  
26 school athletic program or competition; *Provided*, That a student shall  
27 still be considered a Student-Athlete for purposes of certain provisions  
28 of this Act if there is a valid reason for his/her non-enrollment, such as  
29 a long term illness, severe incapacity, or personal reasons that are a  
30 serious hindrance to enrolling that term; *Provided further*, That for  
31 purposes of being eligible to represent his/her school in an inter-school  
32 athletic program or competition, the Student-Athlete shall be enrolled in



1 at least a minimum full-time program of studies and be in good academic  
2 standing.

3 Sec. 5. *Rights of Student-Athletes.* – Student-Athletes shall have the right to:

4 a. Education

5 i. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to have his/her educational  
6 needs prioritized by the participating school or athletic  
7 association. To this extent, the school administration will strive to  
8 provide tutorials or extra academic support to assist the Student-  
9 Athlete in maintaining good scholastic standing.

10 ii. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to have his/her academic  
11 performance monitored by the participating school to ascertain  
12 how his/her involvement in athletic programs and competitions  
13 affects his/her class performance.

14 iii. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to be allowed by the  
15 participating school to be excused from class, which will not be  
16 charged against his/her allowable absences, due to sports-related  
17 activities and circumstances attested as true by the concerned  
18 coach or sports official: *Provided*, That he/she makes up for the  
19 missed classes/activities/tests.

20 iv. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to continue availing of his/her  
21 full or partial scholarship for his/her continued education and/or  
22 financial support even after suffering from injury that resulted  
23 from his/her participation in the athletic program which prevents  
24 his/her from further training for and competing in inter-school  
25 competitions.

26 v. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to complete his/her academic  
27 requirements on time. In no case shall a Student-Athlete in junior  
28 or senior high school be allowed to repeat a year level and play  
29 at the same time.

30 b. Health and Safety

31 i. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to train and compete in safe  
32 and healthy environments as provided by the school during

- 1 practice and training sessions or by the athletic association during  
2 inter-school athletic programs and competitions.
- 3 ii. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to safe, well-maintained, and  
4 upgraded equipment, and well-fitted uniforms to be provided by  
5 the school or athletic association.
- 6 iii. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to have access to health care  
7 professionals who will monitor his/her physical health condition  
8 and nutritional needs, particularly during training and  
9 competitions and right after the competitions, as provided by the  
10 school, and to medics in emergency situations during athletic  
11 programs or competitions, as provided by the athletic association.
- 12 iv. It is the right of current and former Student-Athletes to receive  
13 free or subsidized medical expense coverage from the  
14 participating schools or athletic associations he/she represented  
15 or is representing in case of any physical injury or sports-related  
16 harm suffered by him/her as a result of his/her participation in  
17 the athletic program or competition.
- 18 v. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to have privacy with regard  
19 to any personal health information that might cause defamation  
20 or insult towards himself/herself, such as his/her family's medical  
21 history or physical or mental condition requiring treatment,  
22 among others.
- 23 vi. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to file for a temporary Leave  
24 of Absence (LOA) from his/her sport participation in school due  
25 to valid grounds, such as the need to focus on studies,  
26 illness/sickness or any personal/family reasons; *Provided*, That an  
27 absence beyond a reasonable period may result in the loss of  
28 scholarship or other privileges and; *Provided further*, That it is  
29 understood that he/she cannot participate in events of the athletic  
30 associations.
- 31 vii. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to be protected by the school  
32 or athletic association against exploitation, inappropriate

1 influences, and other circumstances prejudicial to his/her  
2 physical, mental, emotional, social, and moral development, such  
3 as public humiliation, among others.

4 c. Choice of School

5 i. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to transfer from his/her  
6 current school to any school that he/she is accepted in for any  
7 reason such as, but not limited to:

- 8 1. Unavailability of his/her desired class/course;
- 9 2. Failure to pass the class/course leading to dismissal;
- 10 3. Violation of the school's policy leading to dismissal; or
- 11 4. Personal reasons/considerations.

12 ii. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to be free from any act of  
13 restriction or punishment by the old and/or the new school due  
14 to his/her transfer from the former to the latter in accordance  
15 with Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10676 or the "Student-Athletes  
16 Protection Act".

17 d. Other Rights

18 i. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to undergo trainings and  
19 workshops for the further development of his/her skills related to  
20 his/her sport. To this end, the school or the athletic association  
21 cannot prohibit the Student-Athlete from attending such trainings  
22 or workshops; *Provided*, That the Student-Athlete endeavors to  
23 schedule the same on a date that does not conflict with the game  
24 of the school and the athletic association.

25 ii. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to try out and participate in  
26 international competitions where he/she will represent the  
27 country and other national competitions. This shall not prevent  
28 him/her from playing for his/her school team or in any  
29 competitions of athletic associations; *Provided*, That he/she  
30 remains in good academic standing.

31 iii. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to receive or renew his/her  
32 athletic grants for the current semester or term; *Provided*, That

1 he/she complies with the requirements of the school where  
2 he/she is enrolled in.

3 iv. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to be coached by skilled  
4 sports officials who are trained in sport-specific safety and  
5 equipped with the latest information about the risks and hazards  
6 of their respective sports. It is also the right of the Student-  
7 Athlete to be trained by a coach other than the ones associated  
8 with his/her school; *Provided*, That the same is coordinated with  
9 his/her coach and/or director of the school's athletic program or  
10 the latter's equivalent; *Provided further*, That the Student-Athlete  
11 shall not be prevented from exercising said right without valid  
12 cause.

13 v. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to have consistent, open, and  
14 inclusive dialogue with school officials and athletic associations  
15 with regard to the establishment of rules, policies, and regulations  
16 that concern and affect them.

17 vi. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to be treated with respect  
18 and dignity and be free from any form of discrimination on  
19 account of age, sex, gender, language, ethnicity, religion,  
20 ideology, disability, education and status.

21 vii. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to be free from abuse or  
22 violence, be it physical, verbal, sexual, emotional, psychological,  
23 spiritual, or cultural in nature. Abuse or violence may occur  
24 between the Student-Athlete and his/her coach, a school official  
25 or employee, or a fellow Student-Athlete.

26 Student-Athletes are strongly encouraged to promptly  
27 report any incident involving abuse or violence in order to  
28 facilitate a fast and satisfactory resolution thereof.

29 viii. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to have opportunities to  
30 engage in other safe recreational activities for the wholesome use  
31 of his/her leisure hours; *Provided*, That it is not inconsistent with  
32 his/her sport and will not expose him to undue risks.



1           ix. It is the right of the Student-Athlete to engage in gainful  
2           employment; *Provided*, That it does not interfere with his/her  
3           studies, training schedule, and competition and does not prevent  
4           him/her from playing for his/her school team or in any  
5           competitions of athletic associations; *Provided further*, That  
6           he/she remains in good academic standing.

7           *Sec. 6. Obligations of Student-Athletes.* – For active involvement in the  
8           promotion and protection of their rights:

- 9           a. It is the responsibility of the Student-Athlete to conduct himself/herself  
10           in a responsible manner at all times, reflective of the values of the school  
11           he/she represents, bearing in mind that he/she carries the name and  
12           colors of his/her school and is a role model to the other students.
- 13           b. It is the responsibility of the Student-Athlete to train regularly and obey  
14           the rules set by his/her coach and the school.
- 15           c. It is the responsibility of the Student-Athlete to represent his/her school  
16           in competitions chosen by his/her coach and/or school. In case of conflict  
17           between a school-sanctioned competition and other competitions,  
18           he/she is duty-bound to prioritize the school-sanctioned competition with  
19           the exception of international competitions or pre-qualifying events for  
20           international competitions.
- 21           d. It is the responsibility of the Student-Athlete to voluntarily present  
22           himself/herself for the pre- and post-competition general health  
23           examinations;
- 24           e. It is the responsibility of the Student-Athlete to voluntarily attend  
25           trainings and workshops designed and conducted for him/her.
- 26           f. It is the responsibility of the Student-Athlete to prioritize his/her  
27           academic performance to ensure that his/her participation in sports will  
28           not disrupt or hinder the completion of his/her class/course. He/she shall  
29           diligently attend classes and comply with the minimum class/course  
30           load, pass grade requirement and other requirements set by the schools.

31           A Student-Athlete shall not be allowed to participate in any  
32           competition if he/she has not attained the minimum passing requirement

1 to qualify him/her to go to the next level, unless he/she completes  
2 his/her missing requirements during summer break.

3 g. It is the responsibility of the Student-Athlete not to use, offer other  
4 Student-Athletes or purchase any performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs)  
5 and other prohibited substances.

6 h. It is the responsibility of the Student-Athlete to uphold the integrity of  
7 the games, the name and reputation of his/her school and the athletic  
8 association he/she is representing by not being involved in betting,  
9 game-fixing, wagering, gambling and other illicit acts or activities; nor  
10 shall he/she be affiliated or involved with persons associated with  
11 gambling and/or game-fixing.

12 i. It is the responsibility of the Student-Athlete to practice and maintain a  
13 respectful and non-violent attitude towards himself/herself, other  
14 athletes, coaches, sports officials, and any person in general.

15 j. It is the responsibility of the Student-Athlete to preserve and promote  
16 the amateur nature of school-sanctioned competitions in all stages, from  
17 recruitment to competition, that he/she participates in.

18 *Sec. 7. Obligations of Schools. —*

19 a. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to support the Student-  
20 Athlete in fulfilling his/her responsibilities, first and foremost, as a  
21 student and then as an athlete.

22 b. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to provide counselors,  
23 other than the coach, who will help the Student-Athlete in his/her  
24 academic work, in balancing his/her responsibilities and in reaching  
25 his/her full potential.

26 c. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to monitor the academic  
27 performance of the Student-Athlete and certify that he/she complies  
28 with the minimum class/course load, passes grade requirement and  
29 other requirements set in this Act and by the schools.

30 d. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to provide the Student-  
31 Athletes with a safe and healthy training environment.

- 1 e. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to provide the Student-  
2 Athlete with safe, well-maintained, and upgraded equipment and well-  
3 fitted uniforms.
- 4 f. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to provide the Student-  
5 Athlete access to health care professionals who will monitor his/her  
6 physical health condition and nutritional needs, particularly during  
7 training and competitions and right after the competitions.
- 8 g. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to provide the Student-  
9 Athlete free or subsidized medical expense coverage in case of any  
10 physical injury or sports-related harm suffered by him/her as a result of  
11 his/her participation in the athletic program or competition.
- 12 h. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to maintain the Student-  
13 Athlete's full or partial scholarship for his/her continued education and/or  
14 financial support even after suffering from injury that resulted from  
15 his/her participation in the athletic program which prevents him from  
16 further training for and competing in inter-school competitions.
- 17 i. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to allow the Student-  
18 Athlete to file a temporary LOA from the athletic team or program due  
19 to valid grounds such as the need to focus on studies, illness/sickness  
20 or any personal/family reasons; *Provided*, That an absence beyond a  
21 reasonable period may result in the loss of scholarship or other privileges  
22 and; *Provided further*, That it is understood he/she cannot participate in  
23 events of the athletic associations.
- 24 j. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to protect the privacy of  
25 any personal health information of the Student-Athlete that might cause  
26 defamation or insult towards him/herself, such as his/her family's  
27 medical history or physical or mental condition requiring treatment,  
28 among others.
- 29 k. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to protect the Student-  
30 Athlete against exploitation, inappropriate influences, and other  
31 circumstances prejudicial to his/her physical, mental, emotional, social,  
32 and moral development, such as public humiliation, among others.



- 1 I. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to uphold the Constitutional  
2 right of the Student-Athlete to a quality education which includes the  
3 choice of school or the right to transfer to another school for any reason  
4 such as, but not limited to, those enumerated in Section 5.3 (a), subject  
5 to the provisions of Republic Act No. 10676 or the "Student-Athletes  
6 Protection Act".
- 7 m. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to allow the Student-  
8 Athlete to try out and participate in international competitions where  
9 he/she will represent the country and other national competitions. This  
10 shall not prevent him/her from playing for his/her school team or in any  
11 competitions of athletic associations; *Provided*, That he/she remains in  
12 good academic standing.
- 13 n. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to grant or renew the  
14 Student-Athlete's athletic grants for the current semester or term;  
15 *Provided*, That the Student-Athlete complies with the requirements of  
16 the school.
- 17 o. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to allow the Student-  
18 Athlete to be coached by skilled sports officials who are trained in sport-  
19 specific safety and equipped with the latest information about the risks  
20 and hazards of their respective sports. To this end, the school and their  
21 officials shall respect the right of the Student-Athlete to be trained by a  
22 coach other than the ones associated with the school; *Provided*, That  
23 the same is coordinated with his/her coach and/or the director of the  
24 school's athletic program or the latter's equivalent, who shall not prevent  
25 said athlete from exercising said right without valid cause
- 26 p. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to ensure that no Student-  
27 Athlete shall, on account of age, sex, gender, language, ethnicity,  
28 religion, disability, education and status, be excluded from participation  
29 in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any  
30 athletic program or activity.

31 Schools shall take into account its total women student population  
32 in granting athletic scholarship. There shall be a *pro rata* representation



1 of women in the athletic scholarship program based on the percentage  
2 of women in the whole student population.

3 q. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to protect the Student-  
4 Athlete from abuse or violence, be it physical, verbal, sexual, emotional,  
5 psychological, spiritual, or cultural in nature. The schools and their  
6 officials shall promptly take notice of and act upon incidents of abuse or  
7 violence against the Student-Athletes.

8 r. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to protect the health,  
9 safety and welfare of the Student-Athlete from Performance Enhancing  
10 Drugs (PEDs) and other prohibited substances. To this end, school  
11 officials or representatives who offer or pressure the Student-Athletes  
12 into taking PEDs and other prohibited substances shall be terminated  
13 from the school.

14 s. It is the duty of the schools and their officials not to sponsor, operate,  
15 advertise or promote any betting, game-fixing, wagering or gambling  
16 scheme based, directly or indirectly, on one or more competitive games  
17 in which Student-Athletes participate, or are intended to participate, or  
18 on one or more performances of the Student-Athletes in such games.

19 t. It is the duty of the schools and their officials not to intentionally suspend  
20 or otherwise delay the Student-Athlete in junior or senior high school  
21 from graduating in order to lengthen the period of the Student-Athlete's  
22 eligibility to play for the school.

23 u. It is the duty of the schools not to offer benefits and incentives to the  
24 Student-Athlete to the extent that it results in the commercialization of  
25 the Student-Athlete in accordance with Sections 5 and 6 of Republic Act  
26 No. 10676 or the "Student-Athletes Protection Act".

27 v. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to support the Student-  
28 Athlete's right to undergo trainings and workshops for the further  
29 development of his/her skills. To this end, the school cannot prohibit the  
30 Student-Athlete from attending such trainings or workshops; *Provided,*  
31 That he/she will endeavor to schedule the same on a date that does not  
32 conflict with the game of the school.

1 w. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to conduct forums to inform  
2 all new Student-Athletes and school officials of this law and their  
3 corresponding rights and obligations herein. Various forms of  
4 communication shall also be employed to keep all Student-Athletes and  
5 school officials informed of updates, issues and reminders regarding the  
6 exercise of the rights and observation of the obligations mentioned  
7 herein.

8 x. It is also the duty of the school and their officials to conduct forums  
9 educating the Student-Athlete on different topics including  
10 discrimination against women, dangers of PEDs and protection from  
11 violence and abuse.

12 y. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to allow the Student-  
13 Athlete the opportunity to engage in other safe recreational activities for  
14 the wholesome use of his/her leisure hours; *Provided*, That it is not  
15 inconsistent with his/her sport and will not expose him to undue risks.

16 z. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to allow the Student-  
17 Athlete to engage in gainful employment; *Provided*, That it does not  
18 interfere with his/her studies, training schedule, and competitions.

19 aa. It is the duty of the schools and their officials to preserve and promote  
20 the amateur nature of school-sanctioned competitions in all stages, from  
21 recruitment to competition, that the Student-Athlete participates in.

22 *Sec. 8. Obligations of Athletic Associations. –*

23 a. It is the duty of the athletic associations to support the Student-Athlete's  
24 choice of school without any restriction or penalty. In the event that the  
25 issue is brought to the athletic association, the same shall be resolved  
26 in favor of honoring the right of choice of the Student-Athlete; *Provided*,  
27 That there are no violations of Section 7.21.

28 b. It is the duty of the athletic associations to ensure that the Student-  
29 Athlete plays in a safe and healthy environment during inter-school  
30 athletic programs and competitions.

- 1 c. It is the duty of the athletic associations to provide the Student-Athlete  
2 with safe, well-maintained, and upgraded equipment for use during  
3 inter-school athletic programs and competitions.
- 4 d. It is the duty of the athletic associations to provide the Student-Athlete  
5 access to medics in case of accidents, injuries, and other emergency  
6 situations during athletic programs or competitions.
- 7 e. It is the duty of the athletic associations to keep and protect the privacy  
8 of any personal health information of the Student-Athlete that might  
9 cause defamation or insult towards himself/herself, such as his/her  
10 family's medical history or physical or mental condition requiring  
11 treatment, among others.
- 12 f. It is the duty of the athletic associations to protect the Student-Athlete  
13 against exploitation, inappropriate influences, and other circumstances  
14 prejudicial to his/her physical, mental, emotional, social, and moral  
15 development, such as public humiliation, among others.
- 16 g. It is the duty of the athletic associations not to sponsor, operate,  
17 advertise or promote any betting, game-fixing, wagering or gambling  
18 scheme based, directly or indirectly, on one or more competitive games  
19 in which Student-Athletes participate, or are intended to participate, or  
20 on one or more performances of the Student-Athletes in such games.
- 21 h. It is the duty of the athletic associations to support the Student-Athlete's  
22 right to undergo trainings and workshops for the further development of  
23 his/her skills. To this end, athletic associations cannot prohibit the  
24 Student-Athlete from attending such trainings or workshops; *Provided,*  
25 That the Student-Athlete will endeavor to schedule the same on a date  
26 that does not conflict with the game of the athletic association.
- 27 i. It is the duty of the athletic associations to allow the Student-Athlete to  
28 try out and participate in international competitions where he/she will  
29 represent the country and other national competitions. This shall not  
30 prevent him/her from playing for his/her school team or in any  
31 competitions of athletic associations; *Provided,* That he/she remains in  
32 good academic standing.



1 j. It is the duty of the athletic associations to sanction member-schools  
2 which violate the rights of the Student-Athlete or fail to address the same  
3 or otherwise allow its officials to do so. In this regard, athletic  
4 associations shall enact rules which shall support this Act and provide  
5 sanctions for violations thereof, which may include suspension or  
6 disqualification of erring member-schools or officials thereof from inter-  
7 school athletic programs and competitions.

8 k. It is the duty of the athletic associations to preserve and promote the  
9 amateur nature of school-sanctioned competitions in all stages, from  
10 recruitment to competition, that the Student-Athlete participates in.

11 *Sec. 9. Obligations of NSAs and the Philippine Sports Commission.* – It is the  
12 duty of NSAs to support the schedule of the various athletic associations to the extent  
13 possible, so as not to schedule try-outs, trainings or trips abroad during crucial training  
14 periods or competitions.

15 *Sec. 10. Implementation.* – The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the  
16 Department on Education (DepEd), the athletic associations (UAAP, NCAA, WNCAA  
17 and SCUAA, among others), and the PSC, with the participation of representatives  
18 from sports organizations with proven track records of involvement and promotion of  
19 the rights and welfare of Filipino athletes, shall promulgate the Implementing Rules  
20 and Regulations of this Act within thirty (30) days from its effectivity.

21 The DepEd and CHED shall penalize schools that disregard a Student-Athlete's  
22 academic rights and/or that do not sanction its officials for doing so. DepEd and CHED  
23 shall also be responsible for penalizing schools that offer or abet in the offer of  
24 incentives and benefits beyond those allowed by Section 7.21 of this Act. To this end,  
25 DepEd and CHED may impose sanctions such as, but not limited to, diminution or  
26 withdrawal of subsidy, recommendation on the downgrading or withdrawal of  
27 accreditation program termination, or school closure; *Provided*, That these shall be in  
28 accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 10676 or the "Student-Athletes  
29 Protection Act", when applicable.

30 *Sec. 11. Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
31 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provisions not otherwise affected  
32 shall remain valid and subsisting.



1           Sec. 12. *Effect on Republic Act No. 10676.* – Nothing in this Act shall be  
2 construed as to have amended or repealed Republic Act No. 10676, otherwise known  
3 as the "*Student-Athletes Protection Act.*"

4           Sec. 13. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
5 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or  
6 inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended  
7 accordingly.

8           Sec. 14. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
9 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*