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EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to Article XIV, Section 19 of the 1987 Constitution:

“(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 Education Department 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. *

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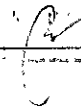
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1 AN ACT
2 IN RELATION TO INJURIES SUSTAINED BY ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL
3 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SCHOOL SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
4 PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

18 SECTION 4. *Policy Making.* Based on the information compiled, the Secretary of
19 Education, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, shall formulate policy and develop
20 programs and conferences for school districts on injury prevention and on suitable athletic and
21 physical education programs.

1 SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts
2 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
3 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 are not
6 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 circulation.

9 Approved,