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It is the policy of the State to "recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building" and to "promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being."

The Philippines has a pool of talented youth who have great potential in the field of sports. However, due to financial constraints, these talented youth are unable to fulfill their dreams of bringing home the gold for our country.

At present, there are no opportunities to obtain quality education with emphasis on sports development. It is therefore the objective of this bill to create and establish a national high school for sports which will give the impoverished yet talented youth the opportunity to develop and cultivate their talents, skills and knowledge in their preferred sport. It is also with the establishment of this high school for sports that we can finally get a gold medal in the Olympics as our talented athletes will not just be adequately trained but more importantly developed and prepared for international sporting events.

It is for these reasons that the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**“AN ACT  
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS”**

*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  
2 for Sports (PHSS) Act.”

3           **Section 2. Declaration of Principles.** – The Philippine Constitution recognizes  
4 the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical,  
5 moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It is likewise mandated that the State  
6 shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions,  
7 and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, foster self-  
8 discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert  
9 citizenry.

10           It is therefore declared the policy of the State to maximize the athletic abilities of  
11 students with the end in view of producing world-class athletes with solid academic  
12 background. In line with this, an educational system to foster the total development of  
13 the youth, with special emphasis on the enhancement and development of their skills in  
14 sports is hereby established.

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16           **Section 3. Creation and Establishment of the Philippine High School for**  
17 **Sports.** – There is hereby created and established a national high school to be known  
18 as the Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS). This shall be attached to the  
19 Department of Education (DepEd) which shall also coordinate with the Philippine Sports  
20 Commission (PSC) for policy and program formulation and implementation on subjects  
21 pertaining to sports.

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23           **Section 4. Purpose of the PHSS.** - The PHSS shall offer, on a full or partial  
24 scholarship basis, a secondary course with special emphasis on developing the athletic

1 skills of the students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports  
2 development, with the end in view of preparing its students who have shown their early  
3 potential of excelling in sports for a sports-related career while undergoing quality  
4 secondary education. The Board may agree to accept paying students based on the  
5 criteria for eligibility for scholarships as established.

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7 **Section 5. Director of the PHSS.** – The PHSS shall be headed by a Director,  
8 who shall serve for a period of eight (8) years. He shall be appointed by the Board of  
9 Trustees, as created in Section 6. The Board shall also fix his compensation. His  
10 functions, powers and duties, in addition to those specifically provided for in this law,  
11 shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of any high school in the  
12 Philippine educational system.

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14 **Section 6. Board of Trustees.** – The exercise of the corporate powers of the  
15 PHSS is hereby vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as  
16 the Board, and in the Director, insofar as authorized by said Board.

17 The PHSS shall have a Board of Trustees, which shall be composed of the  
18 Secretary of the DepEd as Chair, the Chairperson of the PSC as Vice Chair, and the  
19 following members: the Director of the PHSS, one (1) representative each from the  
20 House of Representatives and the Senate, and four (4) representatives from accredited  
21 national sports associations to be nominated by the different sports associations and  
22 appointed by the Chairperson of the Board, *PROVIDED*, That there should always be a  
23 representative from track and field and aquatic sports. All members who are not  
24 receiving regular compensation from the government shall receive *per diem* per session  
25 of the Board.

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27 **Section 7. Powers and Functions of the Board of Trustees.** – The Board shall  
28 have all the powers and prerogatives of a board of directors of a private corporation. It  
29 shall also have the following powers, among others:

30 (a) To fix the site of the PHSS;

31 (b) To receive and appropriate for the ends herein specified such sums as may  
32 be provided by law for the support of the PHSS;

33 (c) To approve appointments made, and contracts entered into, by the Director in  
34 connection with the employment of teachers, lecturers and other employees of  
35 the school, to fix their compensation and other conditions of employment, and to  
36 remove them for cause after proper investigation;

- 1 (d) To provide and approve fellowships and trainings for faculty members;
- 2 (e) To fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, as the Board may  
3 deem proper to impose, after due and comprehensive consultation with the  
4 students concerned;
- 5 (f) To approve the grant of scholarships, stipends and such other allowances to  
6 deserving students;
- 7 (g) To establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which  
8 shall include, among others, national competitive trials and examinations;
- 9 (h) To develop the athletic potential of every student together with a sound and  
10 strong academic base;
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- 12 (i) To provide a training program for students with the end goal of creating  
13 athletes who are competitive in the national, South East Asian, Asian, and  
14 Olympics level;
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- 16 (j) To approve the issuance of certificates or diplomas to successful candidates  
17 for graduation;
- 18 (k) To receive, in trust, legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal  
19 property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the PHSS or for  
20 aid to any of its students; and
- 21 (l) To perform any and all other acts incident to or required by virtue of its  
22 creation.
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24 **Section 8. Quorum of the Board of Trustees.** – A quorum of the Board shall  
25 consist of majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting is called.

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27 **Section 9. Annual Report.** - On or before the first of April of each year the  
28 Board shall submit to the President of the Philippines a detailed report on the progress,  
29 condition and needs of the PHSS.

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31 **Section 10. Executive Council.** - There shall be an Executive Council  
32 consisting of the Director, the Assistant Director, as provided in Section 11, the heads of  
33 departments, and such other ranking faculty members or officials of the PHSS, as may  
34 be determined by the Board.

1           The Council shall have the power to screen and select the students subject for  
2 admission, to select students who shall be recipients of scholarships, stipends and other  
3 allowances, and to develop the curricula, course or study, and rules of discipline. The  
4 Council shall implement and execute the policies laid down by the Board and exercise  
5 such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

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7           **Section 11. Assistant Director of the PHSS.** – There shall be an Assistant  
8 Director who shall assist the Director. In the absence of the Director, he shall assume  
9 the administrative and supervisory functions of the Director. He shall be appointed by  
10 the Chairperson of the Board subject to the approval of the same Board, which shall  
11 also fix his compensation.

12           **Section 12. Registrar of the PHSS.** - There shall be a Registrar of the School  
13 who shall also act as Secretary of the Board, to be appointed by the Director with the  
14 approval of the Board. He shall keep all records of the PHSS.

15           **Section 13. Treasurer of the PHSS.** - There shall be a Treasurer of the PHSS  
16 who shall be appointed by the Director, with the approval of the Board.

17           All accounts and expenses of the PHSS are public in nature, and shall be subject  
18 to auditing by the Commission on Audit (COA).

19           **Section 14. Tax Exemptions of the PHSS.** - The PHSS shall be exempt from  
20 payment of all taxes, fees, assessments and other charges of the Government, its  
21 branches and subdivisions.

22           It shall likewise be exempt from the payment of customs duties, taxes and tariffs  
23 on the importation of sportswear, equipment, books, supplies, instruments, materials  
24 and goods, including those donated to the PHSS, *PROVIDED*, That these are of  
25 international sports standards and are not available from local manufacturers,  
26 *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, That the importation shall only be in such numbers as may be  
27 required in the development of various sports and/or training of the students.

28           The PHSS shall also be exempt from withholding taxes on the honoraria or fees  
29 paid by the PHSS to visiting lecturers or professors from abroad.

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31           **Section 15. Tax Deduction or Exemption of Donations and Contributions.** -  
32 All legacies, gifts and donations for the benefit of the PHSS, or for its support and  
33 maintenance, or for aid to any of its students shall be tax-exempt and shall be an  
34 allowable deduction from the gross-income of the donors.

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1           **Section 16. Sports High School Fund.** – All incomes and donations to the  
2 PHSS created under this Act shall be formed into a fund, to be known as the Sports  
3 High School Fund, which the PHSS shall be authorized to retain, without need of a  
4 separate approval from any government agency, and subject only to existing accounting  
5 and auditing rules and regulations. This fund shall be expended as authorized by the  
6 Board exclusively for the purpose of this Act.

7           **Section 17. Funding.** – To carry out the purposes of this Act the amount of One  
8 Hundred Million Pesos (Php 100,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated and shall be made  
9 available from the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.  
10 Thereafter, this amount to be utilized for the expenses of the PHSS, for the purpose  
11 above described shall be provided in the yearly General Appropriation Act.

12           **Section 18. Separability Clause.** - If any part or provision of this Act shall be  
13 held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions thereof which are not affected thereby  
14 shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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16           **Section 19. Repealing Clause.** — All other laws, decrees, executive order and  
17 other administrative issuances and parts thereof which are inconsistent with the  
18 provisions of this Act are hereby modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

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20           **Section 20. Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its  
21 publication in the Official Gazette or in a major daily newspaper of national circulation in  
22 the Philippines.

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24           *Approved,*  
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