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### AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

*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  
2 High School for Sports Act”.

3           SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of the State  
4 to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and to promote and  
5 protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It  
6 shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their  
7 involvement in public and civic affairs. Likewise, the State shall give priority  
8 to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster total  
9 human liberation and development.

1            *SEC. 3. Establishment of a Philippine High School for Sports.*

2        – There is hereby established a Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS).  
3        The PHSS shall offer, on a scholarship basis, a secondary course with special  
4        emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the students through subjects  
5        pertaining to physical education and sports development, thereby enabling the  
6        students to gain their secondary education while ensuring opportunities for  
7        their participation in sports competitions.

8            *SEC. 4. The Board of Trustees, Composition, Compensation and Term*  
9        *of Office.* – The PHSS shall be governed by a seven (7)-member Board of  
10       Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be created to  
11       formulate and implement sports and education-related policies.

12       The Board shall be composed of the following:

- 13       (a) The Secretary of Education, as the Chairperson;  
14       (b) The Executive Director of the PHSS, as the Vice Chairperson;  
15       (c) The Chairperson of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), as  
16       member;  
17       (d) The President of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), as  
18       member;  
19       (e) One (1) representative from the private sector engaged in sports, to  
20       be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, as member;  
21       (f) One (1) representative from the Senate, to be designated by the  
22       Senate President, as member; and  
23       (g) One (1) representative from the House of Representatives, to be  
24       designated by the Speaker, as member.

25       *The Secretary of Education shall designate any of his Undersecretaries*  
26       *to serve as Acting Chairperson of the Board in his absence. The members of*  
27       *the Board, who are not receiving any regular compensation from the*

1 government, shall be entitled to *per diem* for their attendance in Board  
2 meetings, subject to allowable rates in accordance with existing laws.

3 The member of the Board, who represents the private sector engaged in  
4 sports, shall serve for eight (8) years, without reappointment, covering two (2)  
5 Olympic Games.

6 SEC. 5. *Powers and Duties of the Board.* – The Board shall:

7 (a) Formulate a national plan of action for the implementation of this  
8 Act;

9 (b) Formulate policies on appointment, promotion, retention, removal,  
10 renewal, rewards and incentives for administrators, faculty and staff;

11 (c) Determine the site of the PHSS, including the regional sites for later  
12 expansion;

13 (d) Approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the  
14 Executive Director in connection with the employment of teaching and  
15 nonteaching personnel of the PHSS, subject to conditions to be set affecting  
16 Section 12 of this Act;

17 (e) Fix compensation and other conditions of employment in  
18 accordance with the Salary Standardization Law;

19 (f) Review and approve contracts entered into under Republic Act  
20 No. 8525 (Adopt-a-School Act of 1998);

21 (g) Approve the curricula, course of study and rules of discipline drawn  
22 up by the Executive Council, as provided for in Section 8 of this Act;

23 (h) Approve the grant of scholarship, stipend and such allowances for  
24 students;

25 (i) Approve the budget and appropriate sums as may be provided by  
26 law for the support of the PHSS;

27 (j) Provide fellowship grants for faculty members;

1 (k) Approve the issuance of certificates of diplomas to successful  
2 candidates for graduation;

3 (l) Prescribe for the administration of the PHSS such general rules and  
4 regulations consistent with its purpose, as defined in Section 3 of this Act;

5 (m) Receive in trusts, legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal  
6 properties and administer the same for the benefit of the PHSS or as aid to any  
7 of its students;

8 (n) Establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students  
9 which shall include, among others, examinations, national competitive  
10 screenings and tryouts;

11 (o) Purchase, receive, take or hold such real and personal properties as  
12 the transaction of the lawful business of this institution may reasonably and  
13 necessarily require, subject to the limitations prescribed by law;

14 (p) Recommend nominees for the position of PHSS Executive Director  
15 to the President of the Republic of the Philippines; and

16 (q) Exercise such other powers as may be necessary to carry out the  
17 purposes of this Act.

18 SEC. 6. *The Executive Director.* – The Executive Director shall act as  
19 the school head vested with the authority to implement policies and programs  
20 approved by the Board and manage and supervise the operation of the PHSS.

21 The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President upon the  
22 recommendation by the Board of Trustees and cannot be removed from office  
23 except for cause.

24 SEC. 7. *Meeting and Quorum.* – A quorum of the Board shall hold  
25 regular monthly meetings and special meetings as may be necessary. A  
26 quorum shall consist of a majority of all members holding office at the time the  
27 Board meeting is called.

1           SEC. 8. *The Executive Council.* – There shall be established an  
2 Executive Council consisting of the Executive Director, the heads of  
3 departments and such other ranking faculty members or officials of the PHSS  
4 as may be determined by the Executive Director.

5           The Executive Council shall have the power to:

6           (a) Screen and select the students to be admitted to the PHSS;

7           (b) Select students who shall be recipients of the scholarship, stipends  
8 and other allowances, including those who shall benefit from the  
9 Adopt-a-School Law;

10          (c) Develop the curricula, course of study, training, and rules of  
11 discipline, all subject to the approval of the Board;

12          (d) Distribute equitably the selection of students and scholars to all  
13 districts in the country;

14          (e) Recommend students eligible for graduation;

15          (f) Exercise disciplinary power over the students through the Executive  
16 Director;

17          (g) Implement and execute policies laid down by the Board; and

18          (h) Exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may  
19 prescribe.

20          SEC. 9. *The School Registrar.* – There shall be a Registrar of the  
21 PHSS who shall also act as the Secretary of the Board, to be appointed by the  
22 Executive Director with the approval of the Board, unless the Board appoints  
23 another who shall act as Secretary of the Board. The Registrar or the Board  
24 Secretary shall keep such records as may be prescribed by the Board.

25          SEC. 10. *The School Treasurer.* – There shall be a Treasurer of the  
26 PHSS who shall be appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of  
27 the Board. All PHSS-funded accounts and expenses shall be subject to

1 appropriate auditing rules and procedures set forth by the Commission on  
2 Audit.

3 SEC. 11. *PHSS Fund.* – All trusts, legacies, gifts and donations of real  
4 property to the PHSS shall constitute a special fund to be known as the PHSS  
5 Fund. The fund shall be expended by the Board exclusively to achieve the  
6 purposes of this Act: *Provided,* That no amount shall be used for personnel  
7 services.

8 SEC. 12. *Detail of Properties and Employees.* – Heads of bureaus or  
9 offices of the national government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer,  
10 upon request of the Executive Director of the PHSS, such apparatus, supplies  
11 and other properties as may be needed by the high school, and to detail  
12 employees for duty therein, when in the judgment of the head of the bureau or  
13 office, they can be spared without serious detriment to public service.  
14 Employees so detailed shall perform such duties as are required and the time  
15 employed shall be counted as part of their regular official hours, all laws, rules  
16 and regulations limiting the detail of government employees notwithstanding.

17 SEC. 13. *Accomplishment Report.* – The Board shall submit to the  
18 President of the Republic of the Philippines and to the Congress of the  
19 Philippines a detailed annual accomplishment report, setting forth the progress,  
20 condition and needs of the high school including its financial statements on or  
21 before the fifteenth day of June of each year.

22 SEC. 14. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall  
23 immediately include in the Department's programs the operation of the PHSS,  
24 the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations  
25 Act.

26 In addition, the operational expenses of the school shall be augmented  
27 from the following sources:

1           (a) Fifty million pesos (P50,000,000.00) to form the seed capital to  
2 be taken from the annual earnings of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming  
3 Corporation (PAGCOR); and

4           (b) Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) per year for a period of ten  
5 (10) years from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) to be  
6 charged from the charity fund, subject to liquidation prior to subsequent  
7 releases.

8           SEC. 15. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90)  
9 days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education, in consultation  
10 with the heads of other participating government agencies, shall formulate the  
11 rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. The  
12 implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take  
13 effect thirty (30) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of  
14 general circulation.

15           SEC. 16. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held  
16 invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in  
17 force and effect.

18           SEC. 17. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders and rules and  
19 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are  
20 hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

21           SEC. 18. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
22 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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