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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The development of grassroots sports in the country has long been overdue. In order to be able to compete internationally on a sustained level in the different sports, a basic education program is needed that is focused and specialized for the youth who have the gifts and potential.

While many of our students have proved their excellence in mathematics, science, languages, and other subjects, we have also seen many young Filipinos who have achieved excellence through sports.

Our young athletes have paved their own roads to victory and international acclaim. Our country is home to world champions in boxing, bowling, swimming, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, shooting, and wushu, among others.


We have the opportunity to support young athletes and provide them valuable education along with quality sports training through the passing of the Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS) Bill.

The PHSS will offer, on a scholarship basis, a secondary course with special emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports development.

It will then enable student-athletes to gain their secondary education while ensuring opportunities for their training, exposure and participation to sports competitions.

For a sports-loving nation like the Philippines, it is apt that an establishment of a high school for sports where the future Gilas and Azkals are honed, and future Paeng Nepomucenos and Eric Buhains are developed.

In view of the foregoing, immediate 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 High School for
2 Sports Act".

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

9 **SEC. 3. Establishment of a Philippine High School for Sports.** – There is hereby
10 established a Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS). The PHSS shall offer, on a scholarship
11 basis, a secondary course with special emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the
12 students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports development,
13 thereby enabling the students to gain their secondary education while ensuring
14 opportunities for their participation in sports competition.

15 **SEC. 4. The Board of Trustees, Composition, Compensation and Term of Office.** –
16 The PHSS shall be governed by a seven-member board of trustees, hereinafter referred to as
17 the Board, which shall be created to formulate and implement sports and education related
18 policies

- 19 The Board shall be composed of the following:
20 (a) The Secretary of Education, as the Chairperson;
21 (b) The Executive director of the PHSS, as the Vice Chairperson;
22 (c) The Chairperson of the Philippines Sports Commission (PSC), as member;
23 (d) The President of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), as member;
24 (e) One (1) representative from the private sector engaged in sports, to be
25 appointed by the President, as member;

- 1 (f) One (1) representative from the Senate, to be designated by the Senate
2 President, as member; and
3 (g) One (1) representative from the House of Representatives, to be designated by
4 the Speaker, as member.

5 The Secretary of Education shall designate any of his Undersecretaries to serve as
6 acting chairperson of the Board in his absence. The members of the Board who are not
7 receiving any regular compensation from the government shall be entitled to per diem for
8 their attendance in Board Meetings, subject to allowable rates in accordance with existing
9 laws.

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

12 **SEC. 5. Powers and Duties of the Board.** - The Board shall:

- 13 (a) Formulate a national plan of action for the implementation of this Act;
14 (b) Formulate policies on appointment, promotion, retention, removal, renewal,
15 rewards and incentives for administrators, faculty and staff;
16 (c) Determine the site of the PHSS, including the regional sites for later expansion;
17 (d) Approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Executive
18 Director in connection with the employment of teaching and non-teaching
19 personnel of the PHSS, subject to conditions to be set affecting Section 12 of this
20 Act;
21 (e) Fix compensation and other conditions of employment in accordance with the
22 Salary Standardization Law;
23 (f) Review and approve contracts entered into under Republic Act No. 8525 (Adopt-
24 a-School act of 1998);
25 (g) Approve the curricula, course of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the
26 Executive Council, as provided for in Section 8 of this Act;
27 (h) Approve the grant of scholarship, stipend and such allowances for students;
28 (i) Approve the budget and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the
29 support of the PHSS;
30 (j) Provide fellowship grants for faculty member
31 (k) Approve the issuance of certificates of diplomas to successful candidates for
32 graduation;
33 (l) Prescribe for the administration of the PHSS such general rules and regulation
34 consistent with its purpose, as defined in Section 3 of this Act;
35 (m) Receive in trusts, legacies, gift and donations of real and personal properties and
36 administer the same for the benefit of the PHSS or as aid to any of its students;
37 (n) Establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall
38 include, among others, examinations, national competitive screenings, and
39 tryouts;
40 (o) Purchase receive, take or hold such real and personal properties as the
41 transaction of the lawful business of this institution may reasonably and
42 necessarily require, subject to the limitations prescribed by law;
43 (p) Recommend nominees for the position of PHSS Executive Director to the
44 President of the Republic of the Philippines; and

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

3 **SEC. 6. The Executive Director.** - The Executive Director shall act as the school head
4 vested with the authority to implement policies and programs approved by the Board and
5 to manage and supervise the operation of the PHSS.

6 The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President upon the
7 recommendation of the Board of Trustees and cannot be removed from office except for
8 cause.

9 **SEC. 7. Meeting and Quorum.** - A quorum of the Board shall hold regular monthly
10 meetings and special meetings as may be necessary. A quorum shall consist of a majority of
11 all members holding office at the time the Board meeting is called.

12 **SEC. 8. The Executive Council.** - There shall be established an Executive Council
13 consisting of the Executive Director, the heads of departments and such other ranking
14 faculty members of officials of the PHSS as may be determined by the Executive Director.

15 The Executive Council shall have the power to:

- 16 (a) Screen and select the students to be admitted to the PHSS;
- 17 (b) Select students who shall be recipients of scholarship, stipends and other
18 allowances, including those who shall benefit from RA 8525 otherwise known as
19 the Adopt-A-School Law;
- 20 (c) Develop the curricula, course of study, training, and rules of discipline, all subject
21 to the approval of the Board;
- 22 (d) Distribute equitably the selection of students and scholars to all districts in the
23 country;
- 24 (e) Recommend students eligible for graduation;
- 25 (f) Exercise disciplinary power over the students through the Executive Director;
- 26 (g) Implement and execute the policies laid down by the Board; and
- 27 (h) Exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

28 **SEC. 9. The School Registrar.** - There shall be a registrar of the PHSS who shall also
29 act as the Secretary of the Board, to be appointed by the Executive Director with the
30 approval of the Board, unless the Board appoints another who shall act as Secretary of the
31 Board. The Registrar or the Board Secretary shall keep such records as may be prescribed by
32 the Board.

33 **SEC. 10. The School Treasurer.** - There shall be a Treasurer of the PHSS who shall be
34 appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board. All PHSS-funded
35 accounts and expenses shall be subject to appropriate auditing rules and procedures set
36 forth by the Commission on Audit,

37 **SEC. 11. PHSS Fund.**- All trusts, legacies, gifts, and donations of real property to the
38 PHSS shall constitute a special fund to be known as the PHSS Fund. The Fund shall be

1 expended by the Board exclusively to achieve the purposes of this Act: Provided, that no
2 amount shall be used for personnel services.

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

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

15 **SEC. 14. *Appropriations.*** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in
16 the Department’s programs the operation of the PHSS, the funding of which shall be
17 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

18 In addition, the operational expenses of the school shall be augmented from the
19 following sources:

- 20 a. Fifty million pesos (50,000,000.00) to form the seed capital to be taken from the
21 annual earnings of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR);
22 and
23 b. Five million pesos (5,000,000.00) per year for a period of ten (10) years from the
24 Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) to be charged from the charity fund,
25 subject to liquidation prior to subsequent releases.

26 **SEC. 15. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (60) days from the
27 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the heads of other
28 participating government agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulation for
29 the effectivity of this Act.

30 **SEC. 16. *Separability Clause.*** - Should any provision herein be declared
31 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

32 **SEC. 17. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or other
33 issuances or parts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
34 modified accordingly.

35 **SEC. 18. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
36 the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

37 *Approved,*