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**AN ACT  
ASSISTING YOUNG ATHLETES BY PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVES FOR THEIR  
DEVELOPMENT**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Constitution, Article II, Section 17, provides that: "The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development."

It is undeniable that the Philippines has left an exceptional mark in the field of sports manifested by the our most famous Filipino athletes. Sports is an inherent part of being a Filipino, but the future of any national sports program lies in the development of our young athletes. These successful athletes we have known to love and watch were able to showcase their skills and talents in national and international competitions such as the Olympics, the SEA games, etc.<sup>1</sup> However, the development of these skills and talents require cultivation, training, and nurturing at a young age.

This bill seeks to empower and inspire our young Filipino athletes through financial incentives and assistance in their development by providing three methods. First, it

<sup>1</sup> Business World. (2018, July 13). Empowering Filipino Athletes and inspiring a culture of hard work and perseverance. Retrieved from <https://www.bworldonline.com/empowering-filipino-athletes-and-inspiring-a-culture-of-hard-work-and-perseverance/>

encourages and allows young athletes to be members of sports clubs and programs. Secondly, it provides incentives to such sports clubs and programs. Ultimately, the bill seeks to improve sports facilities.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

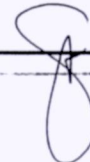
  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Young Athletes Assistance  
2 Act".

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4 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policies and Objectives.* - Pursuant to the Constitution, Article  
5 II, Section 17, the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts,  
6 culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and  
7 promote total human liberation and development.

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9 In addition to this, Article XIV, Section 19, paragraph 1 provides that the State shall  
10 promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions and  
11 amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline,  
12 teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and Albert citizenry.

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14 Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.* - For purposes of this Act, the term:

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16 (a) "Athlete program" refers to an athletic program at any educational institution,  
17 sports club, or from the local or national government; and

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2 (b) "Young athlete" refers to any person who engages in sports and is below  
3 eighteen (18) years of age.  
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5 Sec. 4. *Get Started, Get Going and Get Playing Funds.* - Three separate funds for  
6 the strengthening of grassroots sports programs are hereby created to be administered  
7 by the Philippine Sports Commission.  
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9 Sec. 5. *Get Started in Sports Funds.* - This assists young athletes who can at least  
10 afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. Young athletes  
11 shall be provided with a voucher of up to Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) to help  
12 pay for participation fees. The vouchers can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club  
13 registered with the program.  
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15 Sec. 6. *Get Going Fund.* - This fund supports local sports and recreation  
16 organizations with funding up to One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000.00) for  
17 projects that create opportunities for more young athletes to become members.  
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19 Sec. 7. *Get Playing Fund.* - This fund improves sports facilities by providing up to  
20 One Million Pesos (Php 1,000,000.00) in funding to assist local sports and recreation  
21 organizations with facility development so more young athletes are encouraged to  
22 become involved in sport or recreation activity of their choice.  
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24 Sec. 8. *Funding Requirements.* - The amount One Hundred Million Pesos (Php  
25 100,000,000.00) shall be set aside from the revenues of the Philippine Amusement and  
26 Gaming Corporation annually to be allocated for the funding of this Act.  
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28 Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or  
29 unconstitutional, the same shall affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions  
30 hereof.

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2           Sec. 10. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions  
3 thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed,  
4 amended or modified accordingly.

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6           Sec. 11. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
7 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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10           *Approved,*