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CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS ACADEMY AS AN ATTACHED AGENCY OF
THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, PROVIDING ITS STRUCTURE,
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Without a doubt, the Filipinos enjoy a considerable amount of notability in the field of sports all around the world. It is manifested by a few of the most famous Filipino athletes we, and our children, look up to. Sports is and has been an integral element of our culture, and the Filipino youth definitely shows a promising future in the said field. However, there are currently not many government interventions or programs that provide for quality education in sports development.¹

This legislation seeks to create a national academy of sports that shall educate and serve as a training ground for Filipino athletes. It shall be called the "Philippine Sports Academy" and shall provide the necessary support to prepare students for potential careers in the the field of sports and improve the odds of our representatives in international sporting competitions, such as the SEA Games and the Olympics, by providing the platform for grassroots sports development designed to deliver sustainable state support. The Academy shall be an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission and shall grant degrees and train educators, coaches, trainers, sports

¹ (2017, January 8). *Top 10 Rising Filipino Athletes*. Retrieved from <https://primer.com.ph/tips-guides/2017/01/08/top-rising-filipino-athletes/>

managers, referees, umpires, community sports psychologists, sport medicine practitioners, and etc. in different levels of specialization in physical education through academic decree and non-decree programs. Establishing the Academy should provide a whole new path of opportunity for the Filipino youth.²

Given the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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² This bill was originally filed by Juan Miguel F. Zubiri during the Seventeenth Congress, First Regular Session.



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

1 Section 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine Sports Academy Act
2 of 2019”.

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the national policy to make
4 available the highest possible quality of education and training in accord with international
5 standards of performance to the most talented athletes and development shall be ensured
6 and that the discipline needed for competition and the indomitable spirit to attain
7 excellence in sports performance shall be developed in Filipino athletes who compete in
8 national and international games or events.

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10 It is also declared the national policy to recognize the necessity of creating a national
11 institution with a nation-wide network for delivery of educational training services in order
12 to carry out the declared national policy stated in preceding paragraph of this Section.

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1 Sec. 3. *Creation Objectives of the Academy.* – This is hereby created the Philippine
2 Sports Academy which shall be the lead agency to implement the provisions of this Act,
3 hereinafter referred to as the “Philippine Sports Academy”.

4 For the purpose of general policy and program coordination, supervision and
5 direction, the Philippine Sports Academy shall be an attached agency of the Philippine
6 Sports Commission which was created pursuant to Republic Act No. 6847 and shall be
7 hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”.

8 The Philippine Sports Academy shall have the following objectives:

- 9 (a) To serve as the education and training arm of the Commission for the
10 development of athletes capable of winning gold and other medals and of
11 sports manpower;
- 12 (b) To train and grant degrees, in coordination with the Department of Education,
13 educators in different levels of specialization through academic degree
14 programs;
- 15 (c) To train and accredit coaches, trainer, sports managers, referees, umpires,
16 community sports psychologists, sports medicine practitioners, through non-
17 degree programs;
- 18 (d) To conduct basic and applied research relevant to physical education and
19 sports;
- 20 (e) To establish satellite regional training centers for sports education and sports;
- 21 (f) To enter into and engage in a consortium with public and private schools
22 offering degree and non-degree courses in physical education and sports;
- 23 (g) To establish and maintain linkages with international academic institutions and
24 organizations for continuing upgrading of sports curriculum and programs; and
- 25 (h) To perform such other functions and exercise such other powers necessary to
26 carry out the declare policy, the aforementioned objectives, and the provisions
27 of this Act.

28 Sec. 4. *Housing and Places of Activities.* – The Philippine Sports Academy shall be
29 housed at the Philippine Sports Commission located in Pasig, Metro Manila.

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1 The activities of the Philippine Sports Academy pursuant to this Act may be carried
2 out in satellite regional training centers, in venues pursuant to a consortium with public
3 and private schools, or in such other places as the Philippine Sports Academy shall decide
4 in order to implement this Act.

5 *Sec. 5. Board of Trustees.* -- The administration, operations, and management of
6 the National Academy shall be vested in Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the
7 Board, and shall be composed of the following:

- 8 (1) The Commission Chairman as "ex officious" chairman of the board;
- 9 (2) One (1) representing the Department of Education, Undersecretary rank, who
10 shall be ex-officio Vice Chairman;
- 11 (3) One (1) representing academe in sports education and training;
- 12 (4) One (1) representing the National Sports Association with a specialization in
13 education and training of sports manpower;
- 14 (5) The Executive Director of the Philippine Sports Academy as ex-officio member;

15 The representatives of the academe and of the Philippine Sports Commission
16 shall be appointed by the President for a term of three (3) years or shall serve
17 under their successor shall be duly appointed and qualified.

18 The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Members of the Board of Trustees shall
19 receive allowances of not less than One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) for every
20 official meeting of the Board actual attended or activity to transact official business,
21 of the Philippine Sports Academy; but in no case more than Fifteen Thousand
22 Pesos (Php15,000) each per annum.

23 *Sec. 6. Powers and Functions of the Board.* -- The Board of Trustees shall exercise
24 and perform the following powers and functions:

- 25 (a) To provide for the planning, implementation and evaluation of a curricula
26 leading to the following decrees and specialization in Physical Education as
27 required qualification for teaching in the elementary, secondary and tertiary
28 schools or institution or as required of a supervisory position:
 - 29 1. Bachelor of Science in Education, Major in Physical Education;
 - 30 2. Bachelor of Science in Physical Education;

- 1 3. Bachelor of Physical Education;
- 2 4. Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Health and Music;
- 3 5. Master of Arts in Physical Education; and
- 4 6. Courses offering certificates such as Certificate in Physical Education, or
- 5 Proficiency in Sports Coaching

6 (b) To formulate and implement a material development program which shall
7 directly manage, maintain, preserve, and gather data or information for the
8 following facilities:

- 9 1. Sports Medicine laboratory;
- 10 2. Sports Museum;
- 11 3. Sports Library; or
- 12 4. Sports Bank

13 (c) To provide for the training and accreditation of sports manpower such as, but
14 not limited to the following:

- 15 1. Coaches;
- 16 2. Sports medicine practitioners;
- 17 3. Sports officiating officials;
- 18 4. Sports managers;
- 19 5. Community Sports leaders; or
- 20 6. Business Sports Coordinators

21 And to extend assistance, whenever possible utilizing in resources in the
22 conduct of athletic training, international exchange program and sports distance
23 study program.

24 (d) To provide opportunities for potential athletes to attain certificates, diplomas
25 or degrees of completion in the elementary, high school and college education;

26 (e) To appoint professors, instructors, lecturers and other employees of the
27 Academy to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and
28 conditions as it may deem proper, to grant them of its discretion leave of
29 absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, and to remove them for
30 cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had:

1 (f) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of teal and personal property
2 of all kinds and administer the same for the benefit of the Academy, or of a
3 department thereof, or for aid to any student athlete in accordance with the
4 directions or instructions of the donor and, in default thereof, in such a manner
5 as the Board may at its discretion determine; and

6 (g) To prescribe rules for its governance, and to enact such ordinances and
7 regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the
8 Academy as defined in this Act.

9 *Sec. 7. Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director.* -- There shall be an
10 Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees, preferably from
11 among the Commissioners of the Commission. He shall be assisted by the Deputy
12 Executive Director, one (1). Assistant Director for Administration and Finance, and a Dean
13 for Academic Affairs. The Executive Director shall act as the Chief Executive Officer of the
14 Philippine Sports Academy and shall have a rank equivalent to that of the president of
15 State college or university in the Philippines.

16 The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director must be citizens of the
17 Philippines, at least thirty-five (35) years of age, of good moral character, with at least
18 three (3) years experience in educational administration, or in teaching of sports
19 development with professional rank.

20 The Assistant Director for Administration and Finance must be a Filipino at least
21 thirty (30) years old, of good moral character, a holder of Master's degree in business or
22 public administration, or a certified public accountant, is a civil service eligible, and with
23 at least one (1) year experience in any academic institution.

24 The Dean for Academic Affairs must be a Filipino, at least thirty (30) years old, of
25 good moral character, a civil service eligible, with at least three (3) years experience in
26 educational administration or an associate professor rank in sports development

27 *Sec. 8. Funding.* -- There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the
28 implementation of this Act by the Philippine Sports Academy the amount of Five Million
29 Pesos (Php5,000,000.00) for the initial operations and projects of the Philippine Sports
30 Academy as an attached agency of the Commission. Thereafter, such amount needed to

1 implement this Act shall be included in the Annual Appropriations Act of the Commission
2 for the implementation of this Act and earmarked for the operations of the Philippine
3 Sports Academy.

4 *Sec. 9. Separability Clause.* --If any provisions of this Act or the application of such
5 provision to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder if this Act or the
6 application of such provision to other persons or circumstance shall not be affected
7 thereby.

8 *Sec. 10. Effectivity.* -- This Act shall take effect upon completion of its publication
9 in at least one (1) national newspaper of general circulation.

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11 *Approved,*