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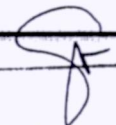
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**AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The performance of the Philippines in its participation in various international sporting events and the situation of the athletic delegation carrying the colors of the country heightened the urgency and necessity of a national institution and nation-wide network for quality education and training in accord with international standards of sports performance in competitive events.

This bill meets this need for the creation of a National Academy of Sports to train our athletes with a capability for the gold and to develop a sports manpower corps as the source and reserve pool in training the best amongst our athletes to compete with the best in other countries. The Academy will also train the educators and coaching-refereeing corps to ensure a continuing stream of top athletes and the best educators for sports development. Under this proposed measure, the academy will be an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission.

A nation-wide network is contemplated comprising satellite training centers, a consortium of educational institutions for degree and non-degree programs, local government-sponsored Palaro, and linkages with academe



and international organizations related to sports development and education.

As an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission, there is an assurance that the National Academy of Sports will be in the mainstream of governing policies and programs and that it will be a critical component for the Philippines to be in competition towards excellence because of the continuing training and education of a corps of top athletes and the best coaches, referees and trainers.

Moreover, with the National Academy, physical education as taught in schools will be given the attention and priority status it deserves. In addition, teachers and instructors of physical education who will be part of the non-degree program to sooner evolve into full fledged degree program of the Academy will gain and deserve the recognition and importance they deserve and should get.

The approval of this National Academy of Sports bill is necessary and urgent if we are to aim for a brighter future in attaining superiority and sports for all aspiration as envisioned by no less than the President.

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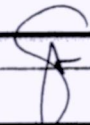
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1       SECTION. 1. *Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Philippine National  
2 Sports Academy Act of 2019."

3       SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared to be the national  
4 policy to make available the highest possible quality of physical education  
5 and training in accord with international standards of performance to the  
6 most talented athletes and the greatest number of sports manpower, to the  
7 end that an individual's total development shall be ensured and that the  
8 discipline needed for competition and the indomitable spirit to attain  
9 excellence in sports performance shall be developed in Filipino athletes who  
10 compete in national and international games or events.

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

15       SEC. 3. *Creation and Objectives of the Academy.* - There is hereby  
16 created a Philippine National Sports Academy (PHINSA), hereinafter referred



1 to as the "National Academy," which shall be the lead agency in the  
2 implementation of the provisions of this Act.

3 For purposes of general policy and program coordination, supervision  
4 and direction, the National Academy shall be an attached agency of the  
5 Philippine Sports Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

6 The National Academy shall have the following objectives:

- 7 (a) To serve as the education and training arm of the  
8 Commission in coordination with the various National  
9 Sports Associations (NSAs) in the development of a national  
10 pool of athletes for national and international sports  
11 competitions and a national pool of excellently-trained  
12 sports manpower with the capability of training the youth  
13 for physical fitness and sports;
- 14 (b) To train and accredit coaches, trainers, sports managers,  
15 referees, umpires, and other sports professionals and  
16 practitioners, in coordination with the various National  
17 Sports Associations, the Department of Education and  
18 educators in different levels of specialization, through non-  
19 academic degree and other specialization certificate or  
20 proficiency programs in sports-specific courses;
- 21 (c) To conduct basic and applied research relevant to physical  
22 fitness, sports development and sports science, particularly  
23 in sports suited to the physical and mental attributes of the  
24 Filipinos;
- 25 (d) To establish satellite regional training centers for sports  
26 manpower development and to initiate and maintain  
27 international linkages with world-class educational and  
28 training institutions or international organizations for the  
29 grant of international non-degree certification courses, the  
30 enhancement of competitive capabilities, and pre-  
31 competition preparation;



- 1 (e) To enter and engage in a consortium with public and  
2 private schools offering degree and non-degree courses in  
3 physical education and sports;
- 4 (f) To establish and maintain linkages with Southeast Asian  
5 Games and Asian Games organizing committees, the  
6 International Olympic Committee and international  
7 academic institutions and organizations for the continuous  
8 upgrading of sports manpower skills, the improvement of  
9 the national academy's sports curriculum and programs;  
10 and
- 11 (g) To perform such other functions and exercise such other  
12 powers necessary to carry out the declared policies,  
13 objectives, and the provisions of this Act.

14 SEC. 4. *Programs and Operations Plans* - the National Academy shall  
15 have a medium-term program and operations plan for five (5) years and a  
16 long-term comprehensive plan for ten (10) years, to be reviewed and updated  
17 periodically as may be necessary to carry out the programs and objectives of  
18 this Act.

19 SEC. 5. *Headquarters, Housing and Places of Activities.* - The  
20 headquarters of the National Academy shall be at the Philippine Sports  
21 Training Center (PSTC), or in such other place to be determined by the  
22 Board as it may deem necessary for the program plan.

23 The activities of the National Academy pursuant to this Act may also  
24 be carried out in satellite regional training centers, in venues agreed upon  
25 with the consortium of public and private schools, or in such other places  
26 within or outside the country as the National Academy may decide in order  
27 to implement the provisions of this Act.

28 SEC. 6. *Board of Trustees.* - The administration, operation, and  
29 management of the National Academy shall be vested in a Board of Trustees,  
30 hereinafter referred to as the "Board," which shall be composed of the  
31 following:

- 32 (1) The Commission Chairman as *ex-officio* Chairman of the Board;



1           (2) A representative of the Department of Education (DepEd), of  
2 undersecretary rank, who shall be *ex-officio* Vice-Chairman;

3           (3) A representative of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),  
4 with the rank of Assistant Commissioner;

5           (4) A representative of the Technical Education and Skills  
6 Development Authority (TESDA);

7           (5) A representative of the National, Regional, Provincial, City,  
8 Municipal and Barangay Physical Fitness and Sports Development Council  
9 (PFSDC) created under Executive Order 63;

10          (6) A representative of the academe in the field of sports education and  
11 training;

12          (7) A representative of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC);

13          (8) The President of the National Academy as *ex-officio* member.

14          The Chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission, the  
15 representative of the Department of Education, the representative of the  
16 Commission on Higher Education, the representative of the Technical  
17 Education and Skills Development Authority, and the representative of the  
18 National Physical Fitness and Sports Development Council shall have an *ex-*  
19 *officio* term of office, while the representative of the academe and of the  
20 Philippine Olympic Committee shall be appointed by the President for a term  
21 of four (4) years or shall serve until their successors shall have been duly  
22 appointed and qualified.

23          The Board shall transact business with a quorum of at least five (5)  
24 trustees at a meeting presided over by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. All  
25 processes against the Board shall be served on the Chairman.

26          SEC. 7. *Powers and Functions of the Board.* - The board of trustees  
27 shall formulate, approve and carry out the medium-term and long-term  
28 plans of the National Academy as provided in this Act and shall exercise and  
29 perform the following powers and functions in consonance with the policy  
30 set forth in this Act:

31               (a) To provide for the planning, implementation and evaluation  
32               of a curricula leading to non-degree courses in physical



education through the grant of certificates in certain areas of specialization, such as, but not limited to the following:

- (1) Certificate in Sports Coaching;
- (2) Certificate in Sports Fitness Management;
- (3) Certificate in Sports Management;
- (4) Certificate in Sports Medicine;
- (5) Certificate in Physical Education;
- (6) Certificate in Recreation Management;
- (7) Certificate in Sports Administration;
- (8) Certificate in Sports Science.

(b) To formulate and implement a materials development program which shall directly manage, maintain, preserve and gather data or information for the following facilities of the national academy:

- (1) Sports Medicine Laboratory;
- (2) Sports Museum;
- (3) Sports Library; and
- (4) Sports Information Bank
- (5) Sports Research

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

- (1) Coaches;
- (2) Sports Officiating Officials;
- (3) Sports Managers;
- (4) Community Sports Leaders; or
- (5) Sports Coordinators.

(d) To extend assistance to athletes and to other sports practitioners, as well as to national sports associations, whenever possible, utilizing its resources in the conduct of athletic training, international exchange program and sports distance study program.

(e) To provide opportunities for national and other potential national athletes to attain certificates, diplomas or degrees of



1 completion in elementary, high school and college education  
2 levels in coordination with the Department of Education Culture  
3 and Sports, Commission on Higher Education and other  
4 concerned government agencies.

5 (f) To recruit professors, instructors, lecturers and other  
6 employees of the Academy, to fix their compensation, hours of  
7 service, duties and other terms and conditions of employment  
8 as it may deem proper, to grant them, at its discretion, leave of  
9 absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, and to  
10 remove them for cause after due investigation and hearing;

11 (g) To set up a trust fund and receive as part of said trust such  
12 legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all  
13 kinds and administer the same for the benefit of the National  
14 Academy or a department thereof, or for aid to any student  
15 athletes or for any other purpose in accordance with the  
16 conditions of the donation and, in default thereof, pursuant to  
17 the National Academy's programs in such manner as the Board  
18 may, in its discretion, determine but in no case for  
19 administrative operations;

20 (h) To submit an annual report on the qualitative and  
21 quantitative achievements on the implementation of this act to  
22 the president and to congress; and

23 (i) To prescribe rules for its own governance, and to enact such  
24 regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the  
25 purposes of the National Academy as defined in this Act.

26 SEC. 8. *President, Vice President and Directors.* - There shall be a  
27 President who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines. He  
28 shall be assisted by a Vice President, one (1) Director for Administration and  
29 Finance, and one (1) Director for Academic Affairs. The President shall act  
30 as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Academy and shall have a  
31 rank equivalent to that of the President of a State College or State  
32 University.



1       The President must be a citizen of the Philippines, at least thirty-five  
2 (35) years of age, of good moral character, and must be at least a holder of a  
3 doctorate degree in sports administration or physical education with at least  
4 two (2) years experience in sports administration.

5       The powers and duties of the President of the Academy, in addition to  
6 those specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to  
7 the Office of the President of the University.

8       The Vice-President must be a citizen of the Philippines, at least thirty-  
9 five (35) years of age, of good moral character, holder of a master's degree or  
10 some units in a doctoral program in sports administration or physical  
11 education, with at least two (2) years experience in educational  
12 administration.

13       The Director for Administration and Finance must be a Filipino, at  
14 least thirty (30) years old, of good moral character, a holder of a master's  
15 degree in business or public administration, or a certified public  
16 accountant, is a civil service eligible, and with at least one (1) year  
17 experience in any academic institution.

18       The duty of the Director for Administration and Finance of the  
19 Academy is to implement the policies governing the administration, financial  
20 matters, management and development planning of the Academy as  
21 approved by the Board.

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

26       The duty of the Director for Academic Affairs of the Academy is to  
27 prescribe curricular offerings subject to the approval of the Board. It shall  
28 fix the requirements for admission to the Academy as well as to the  
29 conferring of non-degree programs subject to review and approval of the  
30 Board through the President of the Academy.

31       SEC. 9. *Funding.* - There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for  
32 the implementation of this Act by the National Academy the amount of One  
33 Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) from the National Sports



1 Development Fund (NSDF) for the initial operations and projects of the  
2 National Academy as an attached agency of the Commission. Thereafter,  
3 such amount needed to implement this Act shall be included in the Annual  
4 Appropriations Act of the Commission for the implementation of this Act and  
5 earmarked for the operations of the National Academy.

6 SEC. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within 180 days from  
7 the effectivity of this Act, the PSC shall, in consultation with the DepEd,  
8 CHED and TESDA, with the participation of the POC and various NSAs,  
9 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective  
10 implementation of this Act.

11 SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act or the  
12 application of such provision to any person or circumstances is held invalid,  
13 the remainder of this Act or the application of such provision to other  
14 persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

15 SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, rules or orders inconsistent  
16 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

17 SEC. 12. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect upon completion of its  
18 publication in at least one (1) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,