


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is a nation with great potential in sports, as it is an integral element of our culture. Filipino athletes have won world acclaim in amateur, Olympic and professional competitions in individual and team sports. Our common goal is to enhance national pride that will come from intensive sports training and high quality education including of our indigenous sports and martial arts at the grassroots and elite levels.

The strategies to achieve better performance in local and international competitions should include allocating more resources in sports training and infrastructure development. Government should play a larger role by consistently providing high quality of sports training and education. This shall include offering the opportunity for athletes to be active in sports at the same time that they complete degree and non-degree courses or engage in advance studies and specialization.

This bill proposes to create the Philippine Sports Academy (PSA) that shall educate and serve as training ground for Filipino athletes, as an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission. It shall provide resources to prepare our youth for careers in sports and improve the country's medal haul in international competitions, such as the Southeast Asian Games Games and the Olympics.

The PSA shall be part of the platform for grassroots sports development. Through academic degree and non-degree programs, it shall train educators, coaches, trainers, sports managers, referees, umpires, community sports psychologists, sports medicine practitioners, and other related sports careers in different levels of specialization. Moreover, the Academy shall establish linkages with international academic institutions and organizations for the modernization and advancement of the Academy and its sports curriculum and programs.

The future holds much promise for recognizing our athletes' talents and skills, for enhancing character-building attributes of athletics and sports training and for reinforcing nationwide campaigns for over-all fitness and health.

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

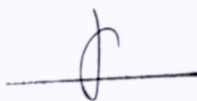


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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

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
4 make available the highest possible quality of education and training in accord with
5 international standards of performance to the most talented athletes and the greatest
6 number of sports manpower, to the end that the total development of an individual shall
7 be ensured and that the discipline needed for competition and the indomitable spirit to
8 attain excellence in sports performance shall be developed in Filipino athletes who
9 compete in national and international games or events.

10 It is also declared the national policy to recognize the necessity of creating a national
11 institution with a nationwide network to deliver educational and training services to carry
12 out the declared national policy stated in the preceding paragraph of this Section.

13 **SEC. 3. Creation and Objectives of the Academy.** - There is hereby created
14 the Philippine Sports Academy which shall be the lead agency to implement the provisions
15 of this Act, hereinafter referred to as the "Philippine Sports Academy" or Academy.

16 For purposes of general policy and program coordination, supervision and direction,
17 the Philippine Sports Academy shall be an attached agency of the Philippine Sports
18 Commission which was created pursuant to Republic Act No. 6847, hereinafter referred
19 to as the "Commission".

20 The Academy shall have the following objectives:

1 (a) To serve as the education and training arm of the Commission for the
2 development of athletes, capable of winning gold and other medals, and of sports
3 manpower;

4 (b) To train and grant degrees to, in coordination with the Commission on Higher
5 Education, educators in different levels of specialization through academic degree
6 programs;

7 (c) To train and accredit coaches, trainers, sports managers, referees, umpires,
8 community sports psychologists, sports medicine practitioners, through non-degree
9 programs;

10 (d) To conduct basic and applied research relevant to physical education and sports;

11 (e) To establish satellite regional training centers for sports education and sports;

12 (f) To enter into and engage in a consortium with public and private schools offering
13 degree and non-degree courses in physical education and sports;

14 (g) To establish and maintain linkages with international academic institutions and
15 organizations for continuing upgrading of sports manpower and the improvement
16 of the academy, its sports curriculum and programs; and

17 (h) To perform such other functions and exercise such other powers necessary to
18 carry out the provisions of this Act.

19 **SEC. 4. Location and Places of Activities.** - The Academy shall be located at the
20 Philippine Sports Commission Complex in Pasig City, Metro Manila or in any other location
21 the Commission may decide.

22 The activities of the Academy pursuant to this Act may be carried out in satellite
23 regional training centers, in venues pursuant to a consortium with public and private
24 schools, or in such other places as the Academy shall decide in order to implement this
25 Act.

26 **SEC. 5. Board of Trustees.** - The administration, operations and management of
27 the Academy shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board,
28 and shall be composed of the following:

29 (1) The Commission Chairman as "ex officio" chairman of the board;

30 (2) One (1) representative from the Commission on Higher Education, with the rank
31 of Undersecretary, who shall be the ex-officio Vice Chairman;

32 (3) One (1) representative from the academe in sports education and training;

33 (4) One (1) representative from the National Sports Association upon the
34 recommendation of the Commission, with a specialization in education and training
35 of sports manpower; and

36 (5) The Executive Director of the Academy as ex-officio member.

1 The representatives of the academe and of the National Sports Association shall be
2 appointed by the President for a term of three (3) years or shall serve until their successor
3 shall be duly appointed and qualified.

4 The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Members of the Board of Trustees shall receive
5 allowances of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000 .00) for every official meeting
6 of the Board actually attended or activity to transact official business of the Academy.

7 **SEC. 6. Powers and Functions of the Board.** - The Board of Trustees shall
8 exercise and perform the following powers and functions:

9 (a) To provide for the planning, implementation and evaluation of a curricula leading
10 to the following degrees and specializations in Physical Education as required
11 qualification for teaching in the elementary, secondary and tertiary schools or
12 institution or as required of a supervisory position:

13 (1) Bachelor of Science in Education, Major in Physical Education;

14 (2) Bachelor of Science in Physical Education;

15 (3) Bachelor of Physical Education;

16 (4) Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Health and Music;

17 (5) Master of Arts in Physical Education; and

18 (6) Courses offering certificates such as Certificate in Physical
19 Education, or Proficiency in Sports Coaching; and

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

23 (1) Sports Medicine laboratory;

24 (2) Sports Museum;

25 (3) Sports Library; or

26 (4) Sports Bank

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

29 (1) Coaches;

30 (2) Sports medicine practitioners;

31 (3) Sports officiating officials;

32 (4) Sports managers;

33 (5) Community Sports leaders; or

34 (6) Business Sports Coordinators

35 And to extend assistance, whenever possible utilizing resources in the conduct of
36 athletic training, international exchange program and sports distance study

1 program;

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

4 (e) To appoint professors, instructors, lecturers and other employees of the
5 Academy

6 (f) To fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions
7 as it may deem proper, to grant them of its discretion leave of absence under such
8 regulations as it may promulgate, and to remove them for cause after an
9 investigation and hearing shall have been had:

10 (g) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property of
11 all kinds and administer the same for the benefit of the Academy, or of a department
12 thereof, or for aid to any student athlete in accordance with the directions or
13 instructions of the donor and, in default thereof, in such a manner as the Board may
14 at its discretion

15 determine; and

16 (h) To prescribe rules for its governance, and to enact such ordinances and
17 regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the
18 Academy as defined in this Act.

19 **SEC. 7. Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director.** - There shall be
20 an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees. He shall be
21 assisted by a Deputy Executive Director, one (1) Assistant Director for
22 Administration and Finance, and a Dean for Academic Affairs.

23 The Executive Director shall act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Academy and
24 shall have a rank equivalent to that of the president of a State College or University.

25 The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director must be citizens of the
26 Philippines, at least thirty-five (35) years of age, of good moral character, with at
27 least three (3) years of experience in educational administration, or in teaching of
28 sports development with professorial rank.

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

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

1 **SEC. 8. Appropriation.** - There is hereby appropriated for the implementation
2 of this Act the amount of Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00) for the initial
3 operations and projects of the Philippine Sports Academy. Thereafter, such amount
4 needed to implement this Act shall be included in the Annual Appropriations of the
5 Commission and earmarked for the operations of the Philippine Sports Academy.

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7 **SEC. 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Commission and the
8 Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with stakeholders, shall formulate
9 the Implementing Rules and Regulations within 90 days upon the effectivity of this
10 Act.

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12 **SEC. 10 . Separability Clause.** - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
13 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall
14 remain in force and effect.

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

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

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21 *Approved,*