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HOUSE BILL NO. 2440

Introduced by **Representative JOEY SARTE SALCEDA**

AN ACT
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

Over the years the Philippines has produced exceptional athletes in the sporting world. Asian sprint queen Lydia de Vega, world bowling champion Paeng Nepomuceno and eight division boxing champion Senator Manny Pacquiao, among others, have brought inestimable pride and inspiration to millions of Filipinos, particularly the youth, to excel in sports and bring honor to the country.

The Philippines is an active participant in many regional and international sports competitions, such as the ASEAN Games, Asiad and Olympics, not to mention a plethora of events in a myriad of sports disciplines. In the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia, the country won 21 medals (4 gold, 2 silver, and 15 bronze) to finish 19th overall in the medal tally of the games. While there is a marked improvement in the medal tally in local events, the country has yet to achieve significant improvement in its overall performance in regional and global competitions such as the Asiad and the Olympics.

To keep up with the rest of the world in terms of sports development, it is of utmost importance to institutionalize the training of our athletes and develop a continuing pool of athletes primed to win gold and other medals and achieve the highest standard of competitiveness and professionalism.

This bill seeks to realize the above objectives with the creation of an agency to be known as the Philippine Sports Academy. It shall train athletes, educators, coaches and referees and provide them training and theoretical knowledge at par with the best in the world.

The bill envisions a nationwide network of satellite training centers, a consortium of education institutions, LGU sponsored programs, and linkages with international organizations and academic institutions related to sports development.

To ensure that it will remain at the epicenter of policy decision making and State sponsored sports programs, the Philippine Sports Academy shall be attached to the Philippine Sports Commission. More importantly, the creation of the Philippine Sports Academy accentuates the interest and importance that the State gives to physical education of the youth and their teachers who inculcate in them the essential values to make them physically fit, disciplined and responsible citizens of the country.



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

SEC 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the “Philippine Sports Academy Act of 2019.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared to be the national policy to make available the highest possible quality of education and training in accord with international standards of performance to the most talented athletes and with the end in view that the individual total development shall be ensured and that the discipline needed for competition and the indomitable spirit to attain excellence in sports performance shall be developed in Filipino athletes who compete in national and international games or events.

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

SEC. 3. Creation of the Academy. There is hereby created the Philippine Sports Academy which shall be the lead agency to implement the provisions of this Act, hereinafter referred to as the “Philippine Sports Academy”;

For purposes of general policy and program coordination, supervision and direction, the Philippine Sports Academy shall be an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission

which was created pursuant to Republic Act No. 6847, and shall be hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

SEC. 4. Objective of the Academy. The Philippine Sports Academy shall have the following objectives:

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

SEC. 5. Housing and Places of Activities. The Philippine Sports Academy shall be housed at the Philippine Sports Commission located in Pasig, Metro Manila.

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

SEC. 6. Board of Trustees. The administration operations, and management of the National Academy shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, and shall be composed of the following:

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

- (2) One (1) representing the department of Education, Undersecretary rank, who shall be ex-officio Vice-Chairman;
- (3) One (1) representing the academe in sports education and training;
- (4) One (1) representing the National Sports Association with a specialization in education and training of sports manpower;
- (5) The Executive Director of the Philippine Sports Academy as ex-officio member;

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

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Members of the Board of Trustees shall receive allowances as may be delivered by law for every official meeting of the Board or activity to transact official business of the Philippine Sports Academy.

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

- (a) To provide for the planning, implementation and evaluation of a curricula leading to the following degrees and specializations in Physical Education as required qualification for teaching in the elementary, secondary, and tertiary schools or institution or as required qualification for teaching in the elementary , secondary and tertiary schools or institution or as required of a supervisory position:
 - (1) Bachelor of Science in Education, Major in Physical Education;
 - (2) Bachelor of Science in Physical Education;
 - (3) Bachelor of Physical Education;
 - (4) Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Health and Music;
 - (5) Master of Arts in Physical Education; and
 - (6) Courses offering certificates such as Certificate in Physical Education, or Proficiency in Sports Coaching; and
- (b) To formulate and implement a material development program which shall directly manage, maintain, preserve, and gather data or information for the following facilities;
 - (1) Sports Medicine Laboratory;
 - (2) Sports Museum;
 - (3) Sports Library; or

(4) Sports Bank

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

- (1) Coaches;
- (2) Sports medicine practitioners;
- (3) Sports officiating officials;
- (4) Sports managers;
- (5) Community Sports leaders, or
- (6) Business Sports Coordinators

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

- (d) To provide opportunities for potential athletes to attain certificates, diplomas or degrees of completion in the elementary, high school and college education;
- (e) To appoint professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the Academy to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper, to grant them of its discretion leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had:
- (f) To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and administer the same for the benefit of the Academy, or of the a department thereof, or for aid to any student athlete in accordance with the directions or instructions of the donor and, in default thereof, in such a manner as the Board may at its discretion determine; and
- (g) To prescribe rules for its governance, and to enact such ordinances and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the Academy as defined in this Act.

SEC. 8. Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director. There shall be an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees, preferably from among the Commissioners of the Commission. He shall be assisted by a Deputy Executive Director, one (1) Assistant Director for Administration and Finance, and a Dean for Academic Affairs. The Executive Director shall act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Philippine Sports Academy and shall have a rank equivalent to that of president of State college or university in the Philippines.

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

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

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

SEC. 9. Funding. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the implementation of this Act by the Philippine Sports Academy the amount of Ten million pesos (P10,000,000.00) for the initial operations and projects of the Philippine Sports Academy as an attached agency of the Commission. Thereafter, such amount needed to implement this Act shall be included in the Annual Appropriations Act of the Commission for the implementation of this Act and earmarked for the operations of the Philippine Sports Academy.

SEC. 10. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Act or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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

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

Approved,