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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A basic education program geared for the development of sports must be established to enable qualified student-athletes to secure their secondary education while ensuring opportunities for their training, exposure and participation in local and international competitions.

Presently, however, many of our students have proven their abilities in mathematics, science, languages, and other subjects in the regular school but there is no educational institution that will cater to young Filipinos who have the potential of excelling in the field of sports.

This proposed bill seeks to support young athletes and provide them with valuable secondary education along with quality sports training. The Philippine High School for Sports will offer, on a scholarship basis a secondary course with special emphasis on the development of athletic skills of the students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports development.

Support for the enactment of this measure is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine High School for Sports Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is declared the policy of the State to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and to promote and protect their physical, moral and spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs. Likewise, the state shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster total human liberation and development.

SEC. 3. *Establishment of a Philippine High School for Sports.* – There is hereby established a Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS). The PHSS shall offer, on a scholarship basis, a secondary course with special emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports development, thereby enabling the students to gain their secondary education while ensuring opportunities for their participation in sports competition.

SEC. 4. *The Board of Trustees, Composition, Compensation and Term of Office.* – The PHSS shall be governed by a seven-member board of trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be created to formulate and implement sports and education related policies.

The Board shall be composed of the following:

- (a) The Secretary of Education as Chairperson;
- (b) The Executive Director of the PHSS, as the Vice Chairperson;
- (c) The Chairperson of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), as member;
- (d) The President of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), as member;
- (e) One (1) representative from the private sector engaged in sports, to be appointed by the President, as member;
- (f) One (1) representative from the Senate, to be designated by the Senate President, as member; and
- (g) One (1) representative from the House of Representatives, to be designated by the Speaker, as member.

The Secretary of Education shall designate any of his Undersecretaries to serve as acting chairperson of the Board in his absence. The members of the Board who are not receiving any regular compensation from the government shall be entitled to *per diem* for their attendance in Board Meetings, subject to allowable rates in accordance with existing laws.

The member of the Board who represents the private sector engaged in sports shall serve for eight (8) years, without reappointment, covering two (2) Olympic games.

SEC. 5. Powers and Functions of the Board. – The Board shall:

- (a) Formulate a national plan of action for the implementation of this Act;
- (b) Formulate policies on appointment, promotion, retention, removal, renewal, rewards and incentives for administrators, faculty and staff;
- (c) Determine the site of the PHSS, including the regional sites for later expansion;
- (d) Approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Executive Director in connection with the employment of teaching and non-teaching personnel of the PHSS, subject to conditions to be set affecting Section 12 of this Act;
- (e) Fix compensation and other conditions of employment in accordance with the Salary Standardization Law;
- (f) Review and approve contracts entered into under Republic Act No. 8525 (Adopt-a-School Act);
- (g) Approve the curricula, course of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the Executive Council as provided for under Section 8 of this Act;
- (h) Approve the grant of scholarship, stipend and such allowances for students;
- (i) Approve the budget and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the support of the PHSS;
- (j) Provide fellowship grants for faculty members;
- (k) Approve the issuance of certificates of diplomas to successful candidates for graduation;
- (l) Prescribe for the administration of the PHSS such general rules and regulations consistent with its purpose, as defined under Section 3 of this Act;
- (m) Receive trusts, legacies, gift and donations of real and personal properties and administer the same for the benefit of the PHSS or as aid to any of its students;

- (n) Establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include, among others, examinations, national competitive screenings, and tryouts;
- (o) Purchase, receive, take or hold such real and personal properties as the transaction of the lawful business of this institution may reasonable and necessarily require, subject to the limitations prescribed by law;
- (p) Recommend nominees for the position of PHSS Executive Director to the President of the Philippines; and
- (q) Exercise such other powers, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 6. *The Executive Director.* – The Executive Director shall act as the school head vested with the authority to implement policies and programs as approved by the Board and to manage and supervise the operations of the PHSS.

The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 7. *Meeting and Quorum.* – The Board shall hold regular monthly meetings and special meetings as may be necessary. A quorum shall consist of a majority of all members holding office at the time the Board meeting is called.

SEC. 8. *The Executive Council.* – There shall be established an Executive Council consisting of the Executive Director, the heads of departments and such other ranking faculty members of officials of the PHSS as may be determined by the Executive Director.

The Executive Director is authorized to:

- (a) Select students to be admitted to the PHSS;
- (b) Select students who shall be recipients of scholarship, stipends and other allowances, including those who shall benefit from the Adopt-a-School Law;
- (c) Develop the curricula, course of study, training, and rules of discipline, all of which shall be subject to the approval of the Board;
- (d) Distribute equitably the selection of students and scholars to all Congressional districts;
- (e) Recommend students eligible for graduation;
- (f) Exercise disciplinary power over the students through the Executive Director;
- (g) Implement and execute the policies laid down by the Board; and
- (h) Exercise such other functions, powers and duties as prescribed by the Board.

SEC. 9. *The School Registrar.* – The PHSS shall have a Registrar who shall be appointed by the Executive Director with the concurrence of the Board. The Registrar shall be the official custodian of all the records of the school.

SEC. 10. *The School Treasurer.* – The PHSS shall have a Treasurer who shall be appointed by the Executive Director with the concurrence of the Board. All accounts and expenses of the PHSS are subject to auditing rules and procedures as set forth by the Commission on Audit.

SEC. 11. *PHSS Fund.* – All trusts, legacies, gifts, and donations of real property to the PHSS shall constitute a special fund to be known as the PHSS Fund. The Fund shall be expended by the Board exclusively to achieve the purposes of this Act. *Provided, That,* no amount shall be used for personnel services.

SEC. 12. *Details of Properties and Employees.* – Heads of bureaus or offices of the national government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the Executive Director of the PHSS, such apparatus, supplies and other properties as may be needed by the high school, and to detail employees for duty therein, when in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, they can be spared without serious detriment to public service.

SEC. 13. *Accomplishment Report.* – The Board shall submit to the President and to Congress a detailed annual accomplishment report, setting for the progress, condition and needs of the high school including its financial statements on or before the fifteenth day of June of each year.

SEC. 14. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 15. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of Education in consultation with the other pertinent government agencies shall, within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, formulate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 16. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 17. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders and rules and regulations contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 18. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,