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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 232

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, the Committee on Youth and Sports Development, the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Appropriations on FEB 17 2020

Re : House Bill No. 6312

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 303, 545, 2545, 2867, 2875, 3277, 4013, 4128, 4249, 4344, 4492 and 5480

Sponsors : Representatives Romulo, Martinez, Salceda, and Ungab

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture, the Committee on Youth and Sports Development, the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Appropriations to which were referred House Bill No. 303 introduced by Representative Yap (V.), entitled:

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

House Bill No. 545 introduced by Representative Enverga, entitled:

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

House Bill No. 2545 introduced by Representative Villafuerte, entitled:

**AN ACT
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR;**

House Bill No. 2867 introduced by Representative Romero, entitled:

**AN ACT
CREATING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FOR
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES;**

House Bill No. 2875 introduced by Representative Puno, entitled:

**AN ACT
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;**

House Bill No. 3277 introduced by Representatives Romualdez (Y.M.) and Romualdez (F.M.), entitled:

**AN ACT
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR;**

House Bill No. 4013 introduced by Representative Villarica, entitled:

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

House Bill No. 4128 introduced by Representative Tan, entitled:

**AN ACT
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR
SPORTS;**

House Bill No. 4249 introduced by Representative Garcia (J.E.), entitled:

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS IN EVERY
REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

House Bill No. 4344 introduced by Representative Tambunting, entitled:

**AN ACT
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR;**

House Bill No. 4492 introduced by Representative Velasco, entitled:

**AN ACT
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR
SPORTS (PHSS) SYSTEM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR;**

and House Bill No. 5480 introduced by Representatives Cayetano (A.P.), Duterte, Romulo, Romualdez (F.M.), Cayetano (M.L.), Tolentino, Villafuerte, and Martinez, entitled:

**AN ACT
CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE ACADEMY FOR
SPORTS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR;**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6312, entitled:

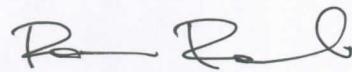
**AN ACT
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be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 303, 545, 2545, 2867, 2875, 3277, 4013, 4128, 4249, 4344, 4492 and 5480, with Representatives Yap (V.), Romulo, Enverga, Villafuerte, Romero, Puno, Romualdez (Y.M.), Romualdez (F.M.), Villarica, Tan (A.S.), Garcia (J.E.), Tambunting, Velasco, Cayetano (A.P.), Duterte, Martinez, Salceda, Ungab, Torres-Gomez, Cayetano (M.L.), Tolentino, Savellano, Reyes, Sy-Alvarado, Vergara, Barba, Padiernos, Agabas, Nieto, Nava, Dalipe, Limkaichong, Yap (E.), Ebcas, Suansing (E.), Go (M.), Singson-Meehan, Tupas, Suansing (H.), Dagooc, Castro, Momo, Revilla, Bordado, and Natividad-Nagaño as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



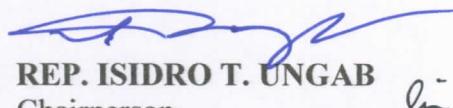
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**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Quezon City, Metro Manila

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6312
HOUSE BILL NO.

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 303, 545, 2545,
2867, 2875, 3277, 4013, 4128, 4249, 4344, 4492 and 5480)

Introduced by Representatives Yap (V.), Romulo, Enverga, Villafuerte, Romero, Puno, Romualdez (Y.M.), Romualdez (F.M.), Villarica, Tan (A.S.), Garcia (J.E.), Tambunting, Velasco, Cayetano (A.P.), Duterte, Martinez, Salceda, Ungab, Torres-Gomez, Cayetano (M.L.), Tolentino, Savellano, Reyes, Sy-Alvarado, Vergara, Barba, Padieros, Agabas, Nieto, Nava, Dalipe, Limkaichong, Yap (E.), Ebcas, Suansing (E.), Go (M.), Singson-Meehan, Tupas, Suansing (H.), Dagooc, Castro, Momo, Revilla, Bordado, and Natividad-Nagaño

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS SYSTEM AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as “The National Academy of Sports
2 (NAS) System Act.”
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4 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Principles.** – The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in
5 nation-building. Thus, it shall advance and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual,
6 and social well-being by promoting physical education and encouraging sports programs,
7 league competitions, and amateur sports, including training in international competitions;
8 fostering self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert
9 citizenry; and developing athletes with a strong sense of patriotism and love of country. It shall
10 likewise provide adequate training for students with athletic abilities to produce world-class
11 athletes for competitive sports with solid academic background and strong patriotic ideals.
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13 Towards this end, an educational system geared towards promoting and preparing the
14 youth for a long-term career in sports is hereby instituted.
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16 **Sec. 3. Creation and Establishment of the National Academy of Sports System.** –
17 There is hereby instituted a National Academy of Sports (NAS) System to develop the athletic
18 skills and talents of students.
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20 The NAS System is hereby mandated to implement initially a secondary education
21 program, combined with a special curriculum on sports. It shall be geared to the early
22 recognition and development of highly talented and exceptionally gifted children in the field
23 of sports. It shall likewise be a continuing source of excellent athletes and sports leaders for
24 the preservation and promotion of competitive sports in the Philippines.
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1 The NAS System shall be administratively attached to the Department of Education
2 (DepEd) for budgetary purposes.

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4 **Sec. 4. Purpose of the NAS** – The NAS System shall initially offer, on full scholarship
5 basis, a secondary education to natural-born Filipino citizens with considerable potential in
6 sports. The curriculum shall have a significant emphasis on developing the athletic skills of
7 the students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports, with the end-view of
8 providing quality education to students in preparation for a sports-related career.
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10 For purposes of this Act, foundlings who are born in the Philippines and those who
11 acquired Filipino citizenship by virtue of Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9225, otherwise known
12 as the “*Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003*,” shall be considered natural-
13 born Filipino citizens.
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15 **Sec 5. Construction and Site of the NAS.** – After a period of planning not exceeding
16 one (1) year upon the effectivity of this Act, the main campus of the NAS System shall be
17 established at the existing New Clark City Sports Complex, Capas, Tarlac, and shall be
18 equipped with the necessary sports facilities, housing and other amenities according to current
19 international standards. School buildings with sufficient number of classrooms and facilities
20 shall be constructed at the complex.
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22 **Sec. 6. Board of Trustees.** – The NAS System shall be governed by a Board of Trustees,
23 hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the DepEd Secretary as the
24 Chairperson, the Chairperson of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) as Vice Chairperson,
25 and the following as members: (1) the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education;
26 (2) the Executive Director of the NAS System; (3) a representative from the Philippine
27 Olympics Committee; (4) a respected member of the academe in the field of sports science and
28 human kinetics; and (5) a representative from the sports community of known expertise,
29 integrity and probity.
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31 The members from the academe and sport community shall be appointed by the
32 Chairperson of the Board, subject to the confirmation of the members of the Board. They shall
33 have a fixed term of four (4) years, without reappointment.
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35 **Sec. 7. Powers and Functions of the Board.** – The exercise of the corporate powers of
36 the NAS System is hereby vested exclusively in the Board.
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38 The Board shall have the following specific powers and duties in addition to its general
39 powers of administration and the exercise of all the powers granted to the board of directors of
40 a corporation under Section 35 of Republic Act No. 11232, otherwise known as the “*Revised
41 Corporation Code of the Philippines*”:
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- 43 (a) To formulate policies and guidelines for the administration and operation of the
44 NAS System;
- 45 (b) To determine the sites for the regional branches of the NAS System for later
46 expansion after the establishment of main campus of the NAS System as provided
47 in Section 5 hereof;
- 48 (c) To approve the curricula, course of study, and rules of discipline drawn up by the
49 Executive Council as hereinafter provided;
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- (d) To formulate policies on personnel organization, appointment, promotion, retention or renewal of contracts, compensation, removal for just cause, rewards, incentives and other conditions of employment for administrators, faculty, and staff of the NAS System;
 - (e) To approve appointments and contracts entered into by the Executive Director in connection with the employment of administrative officers, teachers, lecturers, and other employees of the school;
 - (f) To provide and approve fellowship grants and trainings for administrators, faculty members, and staff;
 - (g) To approve the grant of scholarships, stipends, and such other allowances to deserving students based on the guidelines and implementing rules and regulations of this Act;
 - (h) To establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include, among others, national competitive trials and examinations;
 - (i) To approve the issuance of certificates or diplomas to successful candidates for graduation;
 - (j) To receive and appropriate for the ends herein specified such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the NAS System;
 - (k) To receive, in trust, legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the NAS System or for aid to any of its students;
 - (l) To enact rules and regulations not contrary to law as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the NAS System; and
 - (m) To perform any and all other acts incident to or required by virtue of its creation.

Sec. 8. Hiring of Foreign Coaches, Trainers and Consultants. – In addition to the powers and functions vested to the Board under Section 7 of this Act, the Board shall be allowed to approve the hiring of licensed foreign coaches, trainers and consultants: *Provided*, That the PSC shall certify the necessity of hiring such coaches, trainers, and consultants, including a justification that their competence and skills are not locally available or proven to be incomparable with their local counterparts.

The Board shall provide guidelines and mechanisms to ensure that the new knowledge and training methods introduced by foreign coaches, trainers, and consultants shall be passed on to student-athletes and local coaches, trainers, and consultants of the NAS System.

Sec. 9. Meetings of the Board. – The Board shall regularly convene at least once every quarter of the NAS school calendar: *Provided*, That upon the effectivity of this Act, the Board shall immediately convene and conduct monthly meetings for purposes of choosing and appointing the Executive Director, the members from the academe and sports community, and an organization plan for the NAS System.

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2 The Chairperson of the Board may call a special meeting whenever
3 necessary: *Provided*, That members are notified in writing at least three (3) days before said
4 meeting.

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6 A majority of all members holding office shall constitute a quorum for board
7 meetings: *Provided*, That the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of the Board are among
8 those present in the meeting. In the absence of the Chairperson, an Undersecretary of the
9 DepEd shall be duly designated by the Chairperson as alternate to sit in the meeting.

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11 All members who are not receiving regular compensation from the government shall
12 receive reasonable *per diem* to be determined by the Board for every meeting of the Board,
13 subject to existing rules and regulations observed by the boards of similar specialized
14 institution.

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16 **Sec. 10. Executive Director of the NAS System.** – The NAS System shall be headed by
17 an Executive Director who shall serve for a period of six (6) years. The Executive Director
18 shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board, subject to the approval of the members of
19 the Board, based on the guidelines and qualifications set forth in the implementing rules and
20 regulations of this Act. The Board shall likewise fix the compensation of the Executive
21 Director subject to existing Compensation and Position Classification System.

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23 The Executive Director shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the
24 NAS System, and shall coordinate the implementation of policies and guidelines set by the
25 Board, in addition to those specifically provided for in this law.

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27 **Sec. 11. Executive Council.** – There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the
28 Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director, as created in Section 12 of this Act, the
29 heads of departments of the NAS System, and such other ranking faculty members or officials
30 of the NAS System, as may be determined by the Board.

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32 The Council shall have the power to screen and select the students for admission and
33 the recipients of scholarships, stipends and other allowances as well as to develop the curricula,
34 course of study, and rules of discipline. It shall be responsible for the development of the
35 athletic potential of students by providing training programs to train athletes who can compete
36 in international competitions. It shall also implement and execute policies laid down by the
37 Board and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

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39 **Sec. 12. Deputy Executive Director of the NAS System.** – There shall be a Deputy
40 Executive Director who shall assist the Executive Director. In the absence of the Executive
41 Director, the Deputy Executive Director shall assume the administrative and supervisory
42 functions of the Executive Director.

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44 The Deputy Executive Director, whose compensation shall be fixed by the Board, shall
45 be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board, subject to the approval of the members of the
46 Board and to existing Compensation and Position Classification System.

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48 **Sec. 13. Registrar of the NAS System.** – There shall be a Registrar of the NAS System
49 who shall act as the Board Secretary and keep all the records of the NAS System. The Registrar
50 shall be appointed by the Executive Director, with the approval of the Board.

1 **Sec. 14. Treasurer of the NAS System.** – There shall be a Treasurer of the NAS System
2 who shall keep custody of its funds and properties. The Executive Director shall appoint the
3 Treasurer of the NAS System, with the approval of the Board.
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5 All accounts and expenses of the NAS System shall be audited by the Commission on
6 Audit (COA) or its duly authorized representative.
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8 **Sec. 15. Personnel of the NAS System.** – The Executive Director shall, upon approval
9 of the Board, employ professional and highly skilled managers, educators, teachers, and
10 personnel with long and vast experience in sports education and administration to ensure the
11 proper operation and maintenance of the NAS System, subject to existing Compensation and
12 Position Classification System.
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14 Officers or employees of the Government engaged as lecturers in the NAS System may
15 receive compensation in addition to their salary at a rate to be fixed by the Board subject to
16 existing rules and regulations: *Provided*, That their duties as lecturers are performed outside
17 of the regular office hours.
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19 **Sec. 16. Tax Exemptions of the NAS System.** – The importation of sportswear,
20 equipment, books, supplies, instruments, materials and goods, including those donated to the
21 NAS System shall be exempted from custom duty in accordance with the provisions of
22 Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the “*Customs Modernization and Tariff Act
(CMTA)*”: *Provided*, That these are of international sports standards and are not locally
24 available: *Provided, further*, That the importation shall only be in such numbers as may be
25 required in the development of various sports or training of the students: *Provided, finally*,
26 That all importations shall be made in the name of the NAS System and shall immediately be
27 registered in its name.
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29 **Sec. 17. Tax on Donations** – All grants, bequest, endowments, donations and
30 contributions made to the NAS System and used actually, directly and exclusively by the NAS
31 System shall be exempt from donor’s tax and the same shall be considered as allowable
32 deduction from the gross income in the computation of the income tax of the donor in
33 accordance with the provisions of the *National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended*.
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35 **Sec. 18. Campuses.** – The Board shall provide for policies on the absorption of existing
36 nationally-funded high schools for sports and the establishment and eventual absorption of
37 future regional high school for sports as extension campuses or branches of the NAS System,
38 in coordination with the DepEd and in consultation with the DBM.
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40 **Sec. 19. Annual Report.** – The Board shall submit to the Office of the President of the
41 Philippines and the Congress of the Philippines a detailed report on the progress, condition and
42 needs of the NAS two (2) months before the opening of every school year.
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44 **Sec. 20. Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the NAS System.** – There is
45 hereby created a Joint Oversight Committee to oversee, monitor, and evaluate the
46 implementation of this Act.
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48 The Oversight Committee shall be composed of five (5) members each from the Senate
49 and the House of Representatives, including the Chairpersons of the Committees on Basic
50 Education and Culture, Youth and Sports Development, and Finance in the Senate and
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1 Appropriations in the House of Representatives. The memberships of the Committee for each
2 House shall have at least one (1) minority member.

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4 **Sec. 21. *Appropriations*.** - The amount necessary for the effective implementation of
5 this Act shall be included in the budget of the DepEd in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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7 **Sec. 22. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*.** — The DepEd and PSC, in consultation
8 and coordination with the Department of Budget and Management, the Department of Public
9 Works and Highways and the Bases Conversion and Development Authority, shall promulgate
10 within thirty (30) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the necessary rules and regulations for
11 its effective implementation: *Provided*, That the failure to promulgate the rules and regulations
12 shall not prevent the implementation of this Act upon its effectivity.

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14 **Sec. 24. *Separability Clause*.** – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional,
15 the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
16 effect.

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18 **Sec. 25. *Repealing Clause*.** — All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees,
19 proclamations, rules, regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with
20 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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22 **Sec. 26. *Effectivity*.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
23 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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25 Approved,

**House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department**

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 6312

As approved at the committee level on 30 September 2019

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS (NAS) SYSTEM ACT

Introduced by: Reps. Yap (V.), Enverga, Villafuerte, Romero, Puno, Romualdez (Y.M.), Romualdez (F.M.), Villarica, Tan (A.S.), Garcia (J.E.), Tambunting, Velasco, Cayetano (A.P.), Duterte, Romulo, Martinez, Salceda, Ungab, Cayetano (M.L.), Tolentino

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE (Primary)

Committee Chairperson: REP. ROMAN T. ROMULO

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
(Secondary)*

Committee Chairperson: REP. ERIC M. MARTINEZ

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide young Filipino athletes with the opportunity to enhance their athletic skills and talents in a specialized school that would serve as the premier training institution of future world-class Filipino athletes and sports heroes
- To develop the full athletic potential of students in an institution which likewise provides good quality education

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Establishes the National Academy of Sports (NAS) System aimed at developing the athletic skills and talents of students, which is attached to the Department of Education (DepEd) for budgetary purposes
- Mandates the NAS to implement an initial program for secondary education on a scholarship basis, combined with a special curriculum on sports
- Specifies the main campus and its sports facilities and amenities to be constructed at New Clark City, Capas, Tarlac
- Creates a Board of Trustees consisting of the DepEd Secretary as Chairperson, the PSC Chairperson as Vice Chairperson, and the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education, Executive Director of the NAS System, and two (2) representatives from the academe and sports community, respectively, as members
- Provides the following powers and functions of the Board, in addition to those granted under the Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines:
 - To formulate policies for the operation of the NAS System;

- To identify the regional branches of the NAS System;
 - To approve the curricula, course of study, and rules of discipline;
 - To formulate policies on personnel organization and employee welfare;
 - To confirm the appointments of employees and remove them for cause;
 - To authorize fellowships and trainings for the faculty;
 - To approve scholarships grants, stipends and other allowances;
 - To determine the criteria for the selection and admission of students; and
 - To receive, in trust, legacies, gifts, and donations
- Appoints an Executive Director as the school head, who will be assisted by a Deputy Executive Director
 - Creates an Executive Council tasked to screen and select the students for admission and to implement and execute the policies formulated by the Board
 - Exempts the NAS from taxes and duties in the importation of sportswear, equipment, books, supplies, instruments, materials and goods, including school donations
 - Mandates the NAS to submit an annual report to the Office of the President and the Congress of the Philippines
 - Creates a Joint Oversight Committee to oversee, monitor, and evaluate the implementation of the law

RELATED LAW:

- The 1987 Philippine Constitution
- R.A. 9225 – Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003
- R.A. 10863 – Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)
- R.A. 11232 – Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines
- National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, amended