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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS SYSTEM 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 National Academy of Sports (NAS) System Act”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Principles.* – The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building. Thus, it shall advance and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being by promoting physical education and encouraging sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training in international competitions; fostering self-discipline,

teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry; and developing athletes with a strong sense of patriotism and love of country. It shall likewise provide adequate training for students with athletic abilities to produce world-class athletes for competitive sports with solid academic background and strong patriotic ideals.

Towards this end, an educational system geared towards promoting and preparing the youth for a long-term career in sports is hereby instituted.

SEC. 3. *Creation and Establishment of the National Academy of Sports System.* – There is hereby instituted a National Academy of Sports (NAS) System to develop the athletic skills and talents of students.

The NAS System is hereby mandated to implement initially a secondary education program, combined with a special curriculum on sports. It shall be geared to the early recognition and development of highly talented and exceptionally gifted children in the field of sports. It shall likewise be a continuing source of excellent athletes and sports leaders for the preservation and promotion of competitive sports in the Philippines.

The NAS System shall be administratively attached to the Department of Education (DepEd) for budgetary purposes.

SEC. 4. *Purpose of the NAS System.* – The NAS System shall initially offer, on full scholarship basis, a secondary education to natural-born Filipino citizens with considerable potential in sports. The curriculum shall have a significant emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports, with the end-view of providing

1 quality education to students in preparation for a sports-related  
2 career.

3 For purposes of this Act, foundlings who are born in the  
4 Philippines and those who acquired Filipino citizenship by virtue of  
5 Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9225, otherwise known as the  
6 "Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003", shall be  
7 considered natural-born Filipino citizens.

8 SEC. 5. *Construction and Site of the NAS.* – After a period of  
9 planning not exceeding one (1) year upon the effectivity of this Act,  
10 the main campus of the NAS System shall be established at the  
11 existing New Clark City Sports Complex, Capas, Tarlac, and shall  
12 be equipped with the necessary sports facilities, housing and other  
13 amenities according to current international standards. School  
14 buildings with sufficient number of classrooms and facilities shall  
15 be constructed at the complex.

16 SEC. 6. *Board of Trustees.* – The NAS System shall be  
17 governed by a Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the  
18 Board, which shall be composed of the DepEd Secretary as the  
19 Chairperson, the Chairperson of the Philippine Sports Commission  
20 (PSC) as Vice Chairperson, and the following as members: (a) the  
21 Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education; (b) the  
22 Executive Director of the NAS System; (c) a representative from the  
23 Philippine Olympics Committee; (d) a respected member of the  
24 academe in the field of sports science and human kinetics; and (e) a  
25 representative from the sports community of known expertise,  
26 integrity and probity.

27 The members from the academe and sports community shall  
28 be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board, subject to the

1 confirmation of the members of the Board. They shall have a fixed  
2 term of four (4) years, without reappointment.

3 SEC. 7. *Powers and Functions of the Board.* – The exercise  
4 of the corporate powers of the NAS System is hereby vested  
5 exclusively in the Board.

6 The Board shall have the following specific powers and duties  
7 in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise  
8 of all the powers granted to the board of directors of a corporation  
9 under Section 35 of Republic Act No. 11232, otherwise known as the  
10 "Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines":

11 (a) To formulate policies and guidelines for the  
12 administration and operation of the NAS System;

13 (b) To determine the sites for the regional branches of the  
14 NAS System for later expansion after the establishment of main  
15 campus of the NAS System as provided in Section 5 hereof;

16 (c) To approve the curricula, course of study, and rules of  
17 discipline drawn up by the Executive Council as hereinafter  
18 provided;

19 (d) To formulate policies on personnel organization,  
20 appointment, promotion, retention or renewal of contracts,  
21 compensation, removal for just cause, rewards, incentives and other  
22 conditions of employment for administrators, faculty, and staff of  
23 the NAS System;

24 (e) To approve appointments and contracts entered into by  
25 the Executive Director in connection with the employment of  
26 administrative officers, teachers, lecturers, and other employees of  
27 the school;

28 (f) To provide and approve fellowship grants and trainings  
29 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.

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

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

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

SEC. 10. *Executive Director of the NAS System.* – The NAS System shall be headed by an Executive Director who shall serve for a period of six (6) years. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board, subject to the approval of the members of the Board, based on the guidelines and qualifications

1 set forth in the implementing rules and regulations of this Act. The  
 2 Board shall likewise fix the compensation of the Executive Director  
 3 subject to existing Compensation and Position Classification  
 4 System.

5 The Executive Director shall be responsible for the  
 6 administration and operation of the NAS System, and shall  
 7 coordinate the implementation of policies and guidelines set by the  
 8 Board, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act.

9 SEC. 11. *Executive Council.* – There shall be an Executive  
 10 Council consisting of the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive  
 11 Director, as created in Section 12 of this Act, the heads of  
 12 departments of the NAS System, and such other ranking faculty  
 13 members or officials of the NAS System, as may be determined by  
 14 the Board.

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

24 SEC. 12. *Deputy Executive Director of the NAS System.* –  
 25 There shall be a Deputy Executive Director who shall assist the  
 26 Executive Director. In the absence of the Executive Director, the  
 27 Deputy Executive Director shall assume the administrative and  
 28 supervisory functions of the Executive Director.

1 The Deputy Executive Director, whose compensation shall be  
 2 fixed by the Board, shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the  
 3 Board, subject to the approval of the members of the Board and to  
 4 existing Compensation and Position Classification System.

5 SEC. 13. *Registrar of the NAS System.* – There shall be a  
 6 Registrar of the NAS System who shall act as the Board Secretary  
 7 and keep all the records of the NAS System. The Registrar shall be  
 8 appointed by the Executive Director, with the approval of the Board.

9 SEC. 14. *Treasurer of the NAS System.* – There shall be a  
 10 Treasurer of the NAS System who shall keep custody of its funds  
 11 and properties. The Executive Director shall appoint the Treasurer  
 12 of the NAS System, with the approval of the Board.

13 All accounts and expenses of the NAS System shall be audited  
 14 by the Commission on Audit (COA) or its duly authorized  
 15 representative.

16 SEC. 15. *Personnel of the NAS System.* – The Executive  
 17 Director shall, upon approval of the Board, employ professional and  
 18 highly skilled managers, educators, teachers, and personnel with  
 19 long and vast experience in sports education and administration to  
 20 ensure the proper operation and maintenance of the NAS System,  
 21 subject to existing Compensation and Position Classification  
 22 System.

23 Officers or employees of the government engaged as lecturers  
 24 in the NAS System may receive compensation in addition to their  
 25 salary at a rate to be fixed by the Board subject to existing rules and  
 26 regulations: *Provided*, That their duties as lecturers are performed  
 27 outside of the regular office hours.

28 SEC. 16. *Tax Exemptions of the NAS System.* – The  
 29 importation of sportswear, equipment, books, supplies, instruments,



1 materials and goods, including those donated to the NAS System  
 2 shall be exempted from customs duty in accordance with the  
 3 provisions of Republic Act No. 10863, otherwise known as the  
 4 "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)": *Provided*, That  
 5 these are of international sports standards and are not locally  
 6 available: *Provided, further*, That the importation shall only be in  
 7 such numbers as may be required in the development of various  
 8 sports or training of the students: *Provided, finally*, That all  
 9 importations shall be made in the name of the NAS System and  
 10 shall immediately be registered in its name.

11 SEC. 17. *Tax on Donations.* – All grants, bequests,  
 12 endowments, donations and contributions made to the NAS  
 13 System and used actually, directly and exclusively by the NAS  
 14 System shall be exempt from donor's tax and the same shall be  
 15 considered as allowable deduction from the gross income in the  
 16 computation of the income tax of the donor in accordance with the  
 17 provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as  
 18 amended.

19 SEC. 18. *Campuses.* – The Board shall provide for policies on  
 20 the absorption of existing nationally-funded high schools for sports  
 21 and the establishment and eventual absorption of future regional  
 22 high schools for sports as extension campuses or branches of the  
 23 NAS System, in coordination with the DepEd and in consultation  
 24 with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

25 SEC. 19. *Annual Report.* – The Board shall submit to the  
 26 Office of the President of the Philippines and the Congress of the  
 27 Philippines a detailed report on the progress, condition and needs of  
 28 the NAS two (2) months before the opening of every school year.

1 SEC. 20. *Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the*  
 2 *NAS System.* – There is hereby created a Joint Oversight  
 3 Committee to oversee, monitor, and evaluate the implementation of  
 4 this Act.

5 The Oversight Committee shall be composed of five (5)  
 6 members each from the Senate and the House of Representatives,  
 7 including the Chairpersons of the Committees on Basic Education  
 8 and Culture, Youth and Sports Development, and Finance in the  
 9 Senate and Appropriations in the House of Representatives. The  
 10 membership of the Committee for each House shall have at least  
 11 one (1) minority member.

12 SEC. 21. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the  
 13 effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget  
 14 of the DepEd in the annual General Appropriations Act.

15 SEC. 22. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DepEd  
 16 and PSC, in consultation and coordination with the DBM, the  
 17 Department of Public Works and Highways and the Bases  
 18 Conversion and Development Authority, shall promulgate within  
 19 thirty (30) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the necessary rules  
 20 and regulations for its effective implementation: *Provided*, That the  
 21 failure to promulgate the rules and regulations shall not prevent  
 22 the implementation of this Act upon its effectivity.

23 SEC. 23. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is  
 24 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any  
 25 provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

26 SEC. 24. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders,  
 27 presidential decrees, proclamations, rules, regulations, issuances,  
 28 and enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are  
 29 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1        SEC. 25. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
2        days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of  
3        general circulation.

Approved,

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