



Eighteenth Congress  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6126



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Introduced by Hon. Mujiv S. Hataman and Hon. Amihilda Sangcopan

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

In last year's Southeast Asian Games, Filipinos ruled over almost all sporting events. It was a showcase of the dedication, spirit and determination of the Pinoy athlete. The Philippines secured first place among the SEA Games participants, owing to an athlete pool that is prepared, well-trained and hardworking.

One particular athlete, Basilan's pride Joey delos Reyes, won silver medal in the duathlon event and consequently brought pride to his mother province. Delos Reyes's feat has since become an inspiration to all Basileños to strive and excel not only in sports but in every facet of human life.

There countless other Joey delos Reyes's in Basilan who also dream of competing in prestigious sporting events such as the SEA Games and even the Olympics. The province has quite a pool of sports talents that needs guidance, proper training and sufficient motivation.

Section 19 of Article XIV of the Constitution provides that, "The State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry." Encouraging and promoting sports among the citizenry, therefore, is a constitutional mandate of the government.

This bill seeks to establish a sports academy in the City of Isabela, Province of Basilan. The establishment of such an institution will help the young individuals in the province and neighboring areas enhance their talents and potentials in sports and encourage them to become great athletes, both locally and internationally.

The sports academy will serve as the center in Basilan and nearby municipalities providing quality education and training not only for athletes but also for trainers, educators, referees, umpires and coaches who could help train the athletes in accord with international standards of sports performance in competitive events.

It is further hoped that with the sports academy, armed conflicts will be avoided as the youth will be engaged in sports and friendly competitions.

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



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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE BASILAN SPORTS ACADEMY IN THE CITY OF  
ISABELA, PROVINCE OF BASILAN AND PROVIDING THE  
STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the City of Isabela, Province of Basilan, a sports academy to be known as the "*Basilan Sports Academy*," which shall be the primary sports development and training center for the whole Province of Basilan and the neighboring towns thereat.

SEC. 2. The Province of Basilan shall, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them into the newly created sports academy and training center.

The Provincial Government of Basilan, in coordination with the PSC, shall also create the necessary training programs and competitions, as well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Act.

SEC. 3. The construction, establishment and operation of the Basilan Sports Academy shall be funded by the Provincial Government of Basilan and such funds as may be granted by the PSC or by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and endowments may be obtained from local or foreign sources intended for sports development.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operation of the Basilan Sports Academy, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the PSC shall, in coordination with the Department of Education, the Province of Basilan and the City of Isabela, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,