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House Bill No. 4084

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**Introduced by Representative Lucy Torres Gomez**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In August 2018, it was reported in the news that a 10-year-old Filipino-American boy (auspiciously named "Clark Kent" by his parents) broke the record set by Michael Phelps 23 years ago, by over one second, in a 100-meter butterfly race at a competition in California. Michael Phelps, it will be noted, has been acclaimed as the most successful Olympic athlete of all time – with 28 Olympic medals, 23 of them gold, to go with his 33 World Championship medals, plus an astonishing 39 world records.

Indeed, young people never cease to amaze us. As Albert Camus once observed, youth is, above all, a collection of possibilities.

This bill recognizes the tremendous potentials of our youth. By proposing the creation of a National Academy for High School students, the state lends its support to our young people who have the aptitude, the talent, and the discipline for sports. After all, the so-called potentials of our youth would remain as it is – mere potentials – without the enabling support of our government for their realization.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucy Torres Gomez".

**HON. LUCY TORRES GOMEZ**  
**Representative**  
**Fourth District, Province of Leyte**

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**AN ACT**  
**CREATING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**STUDENTS IN THE CITY OF ORMOC IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE,**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the  
"National Academy of Sports for High School Students Act".

**SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is the policy of the State to ensure  
the development of the country's sports awareness and development  
programs among our high school students.

The State recognizes the importance of sports development to foster  
social progress, and promote total human development.

The State recognizes the need to promote sports development for  
the welfare of all Filipinos and the entire country.



**SEC. 3. Creation of the National Academy of Sports for High School Students.** - There shall hereby be created the National Academy of Sports for High School Students, hereinafter referred to as the Academy, in the City of Ormoc in the Province of Leyte.

**SEC. 4. Mandate.** - The Academy shall be the primary policy, planning, coordinating, implementing, and administrative entity of the Executive Branch of the government that will plan, develop, and promote the national sports development programs for high school students.

**SEC. 5. Powers and Functions.** - The Academy shall exercise the following powers and functions:

**I. Policy and Planning**

- (a) Formulate, recommend and implement national policies, plans, programs and guidelines that will promote the development and harness the potential of our high school students with due consideration for the country's welfare and success;
- (b) Formulate policies and initiatives, in regard with the National Development Program for Sports, in collaboration with the Department of Education;
- (c) Provide an integrated framework and programs in order to optimize the potential of our high school students;
- (d) Prescribe rules and regulations for the establishment, operation and maintenance of the Academy resources and programs; and
- (e) Establish Sports programs and facilities that will be accessible to the general public;

**II. Resource-Sharing and Capacity-Building**

- (f) Harmonize and coordinate all sports programs, plans and initiatives to ensure opportunities and maximum development of our sports academy;
- (g) Assist and provide technical expertise to government agencies in the development of guidelines in the enforcement and administration of laws, standards, rules, and regulations governing the Academy;
- (h) Assess, review and support sports related research and development programs of the government in coordination with the appropriate government agencies and other institutions concerned;

- (i) Prescribe the personnel qualifications and other qualification standards essential to the effective development and operation of Academy;
- (j) Develop programs that would enhance the career advancement opportunities of the Academy and other personnel;
- (k) Assist in the dissemination of vital information essential to disaster risk reduction and preparedness through its activities;
- (l) Represent and negotiate for Philippine interest on matters pertaining to the sports academy in international bodies, in coordination with the appropriate government agencies and other institutions concerned;
- (m) Establish guidelines for public-private partnerships in the implementation of sports programs for development; and
- (n) Promote strategic partnerships and alliances between and among local and international sports body and/or competitor, for the research and development, educational and training institutions, to enhance competitiveness of all personnel and workers.

**SEC. 6. Composition.** - The Academy shall be headed by the President.

The Academy proper shall be composed of the Office of the President, the Offices of the Vice President for Internal and External Affairs.

**SEC. 7. President of the Academy.** - The President of the Academy shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines;

The President of the Academy shall have the following functions:

- (a) Provide executive direction and supervision over the entire operations of the Academy and its attached agencies,
- (b) Establish policies and standards for the effective, efficient and economical operation of the Academy, in accordance with the programs of government;
- (c) Review and approve requests for financial and manpower resources of all operating offices of the Academy;



(d) Designate and appoint officers and employees of the Academy, including the vice president, regional and assistant regional directors, in accordance with the civil service laws, rules, and regulations;

(e) Exercise disciplinary powers over officers and employees of the Academy in accordance with law, including their investigation and the designation of a committee or officer to conduct such investigations:

(f) Coordinate with other agencies and public and private interest groups, including nongovernment organizations (NGOs) and people's organizations on the Academy policies and initiatives;

(g) Prepare and submit to the President of the republic through the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) an estimate of the necessary expenditures of the Academy during the next fiscal year, on the basis of the reports submitted by bureaus and offices under him/ her;

(h) Advise the President of the republic on the promulgation of executive and administrative orders and formulation of regulatory and legislative proposals on matters pertaining to sports development;

(i) Formulate such rules and regulations and exercise such other powers as may be required to implement the objectives of this Act: and

(j) Perform such other tasks as may be provided by law or assigned by the President of the republic.

**SEC. 8. Vice Presidents.** - The President shall be assisted by two Vice Presidents, who shall be appointed by the President of the republic upon the recommendation of the president of the Academy: provided, that they shall be career officers; and,

provided, further, that at least one (1) of the Vice President shall be a person publicly recognized in the field of sports Academe.

**SEC. 9. Qualifications.** - No person shall be appointed President and Vice President, of the Academy unless he or she is a citizen and resident of the Philippines, at least thirty (30) years of age, of good moral character, of proven integrity and a holder of a postgraduate degree (masteral or doctoral), with at least seven (7) years of competence and expertise in the field of sports.

**SEC. 10. Regional Offices.** - The Academy may establish, operate, and maintain a regional office in the different administrative regions of the country as the need arises.

Each regional office shall be headed by a Regional Director who may be assisted by one (1) Assistant Regional Director.

The Regional Director and Assistant Regional Director shall be appointed by the President of the republic.

The regional offices shall have, within their respective administrative regions, the following functions:

- (a) Implement laws, policies, plans, programs, projects, rules and regulations of the Academy;
- (b) Provide efficient and effective service to the people;
- (c) Coordinate with regional offices of other departments, offices, and agencies;
- (d) Coordinate with the LGUs; and
- (e) Perform such other functions as may be provided by law or assigned by President of the Academy.

**SEC. 11. Sectoral and Industry Task Forces.** - The Academy may create sectoral and industry, task forces, technical working groups, advisory bodies or committees for the furtherance of its objectives.

Additional private sector representatives, such as from the academe, civil society organizations (CSOs), and federation of private industries directly involved in the sports academe, as well as representatives of other National Government Agencies (NGAs).



Local Government Units (LGUs) and Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) may be appointed to these working groups.

Government sports professionals may also be tapped to partake work in the Academy through, these working groups.

**SEC. 12. Separation and Retirement of Service.** - Employees who are separated from service within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act as a result of the consolidation and/or reorganization under the provisions of this Act shall receive separation benefits to which they may be entitled under Executive Order No. 366, s .2004; provided, that those who are qualified to retire under existing requirement laws shall be allowed to retire and receive retirement benefits to which they may be entitled under applicable laws and issuances.

**SEC. 13. Structure and Staffing Pattern.** - Subject to the approval of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Academy shall determine its organizational structure and create new divisions or units as it may deem necessary, and shall appoint officers and employees of the Academy in accordance with the civil service law, rules, and regulations.

**SEC. 14. Appropriation.** - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) taken from the National Treasury. Thereafter, the amount needed for the operation and maintenance of the Academy shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA), the year after the enactment of this Act, and thereafter.

**SEC. 15. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Academy shall issue within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 16. Separability Clause.** - If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not so affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 17. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified 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,