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Introduced by Representative Victor A. Yap

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 19, Article XIV of the 1987 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.

The Philippines has produced world-class athletes, however, there has been insufficient support and focus on developing new generations of athletes. As part of the initiative to have a healthy citizenry, it is necessary to establish the Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS) to provide young Filipino athletes with the opportunity to enhance, develop and improve their athletic skills, talents and abilities within an specialized educational institution.

The PHSS is envisioned to provide a conducive educational environment that develops athletes into mature, self-directed, life-long learners with a focus on pursuing excellence in sports and physical education. Basic secondary education curricula will include special programs in sport sciences and physical education such as exercise and sport science, sport management, adventure sports leadership, Olympic sports and physical fitness.

The establishment of the PHSS shall promote excellence in the field of sports and aims to produce globally competitive, educated and highly-trained athletes to compete in international competitions.

In light of the foregoing, passage of this bill is urgently sought.

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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 the declared policy of the State to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and to promote and protect their physical, moral, 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 competitions.

SEC. 4. The Board of Trustees, Composition, Compensation and Term of Office. – The PHSS shall be governed by a seven (7)-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 the 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 of the Republic of the Philippines, 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 Duties 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 nonteaching 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 of 1998);

(g) Approve the curricula, course of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the Executive Council, as provided for in 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 in Section 3 of this Act;

(m) Receive in trusts, legacies, gifts 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 reasonably 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 Republic 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 approved by the Board and manage and supervise the operation of the PHSS.

The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation by the Board of Trustees and cannot be removed from office except for cause.

SEC. 7. Meeting and Quorum. – A quorum of 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 or officials of the PHSS as may be determined by the Executive Director.

The Executive Council shall have the power to:

(a) Screen and select the students to be admitted to the PHSS;

(b) Select students who shall be recipients of the 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 subject to the approval of the Board;

(d) Distribute equitably the selection of students and scholars to all districts in the country;

(e) Recommend students eligible for graduation;

(f) Exercise disciplinary power over the students through the Executive Director;

(g) Implement and execute policies laid down by the Board; and

(h) Exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

SEC. 9. The School Registrar. – There shall be a Registrar of the PHSS who shall also act as the Secretary of the Board, to be appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board, unless the Board appoints another who shall act as Secretary of the Board. The Registrar or the Board Secretary shall keep such records as may be prescribed by the Board.

SEC. 10. The School Treasurer. – There shall be a Treasurer of the PHSS who shall be appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board. All PHSS-funded accounts and

1 expenses shall be subject to appropriate auditing rules and procedures set forth by the Commission
2 on Audit.

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

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9 **SEC. 12. Detail of Properties and Employees.** – Heads of bureaus or offices of the
10 national government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the Executive
11 Director of the PHSS, such apparatus, supplies and other properties as may be needed by the high
12 school, and to detail employees for duty therein, when in the judgment of the head of the bureau or
13 office, they can be spared without serious detriment to public service. Employees so detailed shall
14 perform such duties as are required and the time employed shall be counted as part of their regular
15 official hours, all laws, rules and regulations limiting the detail of government employees
16 notwithstanding.

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

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23 **SEC. 14. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
24 Department's programs the operation of the PHSS, the funding of which shall be included in the
25 annual General Appropriations Act.

26 In addition, the operational expenses of the school shall be augmented from the following
27 sources:

28 (a) Fifty million pesos (P50,000,000.00) to form the seed capital to be taken from the annual
29 earnings of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR); and

30 (b) Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) per year for a period of ten (10) years from the
31 Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) to be charged from the charity fund, subject to
32 liquidation prior to subsequent releases.

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34 **SEC. 15. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days from the
35 approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the heads of other
36 participating government agencies, shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the
37 provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall
38 take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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

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

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

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10 **Approved,**