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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

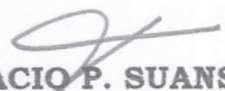
This bill seeks to create the Philippine Sports Academy as an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission, providing for its structure and powers and functions.

The youth is an integral part of the Philippine society. As such, the national government must ensure the holistic development of our youth so they may become better contributors to national growth and development. The involvement of our youth in sports activities will not only increase their confidence and promote camaraderie, it will likewise stimulate their physical and social development.

This bill is intended to create the Philippine Sports Academy which is intended to serve as the training ground for Filipino athletes. Through the years, our athletes have shown great potentials in sports and have given honor to our country by bringing home medals from international competitions. The creation of the Philippine Sports Academy will further enhance the skills of Filipino athletes and prepare them for a rewarding and fulfilling career in sports. The Philippine Sports Academy shall be attached to the Philippine Sports Commission and shall offer both degree and non-degree programs for coaches, trainers, sports managers, referees, umpires, etc.

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

  
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**AN ACT  
CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS ACADEMY AS AN ATTACHED  
AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, PROVIDING ITS  
STRUCTURE, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine Sports  
2 Academy Act.”

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared to be the State policy  
4 to make available the highest possible quality of education and training in  
5 accord with international standards of performance to the most talented  
6 athletes and the greatest number of sports manpower, to the end that the  
7 individual total development shall be ensured and that the discipline needed  
8 for competition and the indomitable spirit to attain excellence in sports  
9 performance shall be developed in Filipino athletes who compete in national  
10 and international games or events.

11 It is also declared the State policy to recognize the necessity of creating  
12 a national institution with a nationwide network for delivery of educational  
13 and training services in order to carry out the declared State policy in the  
14 preceding paragraph of this Section.

15 **SEC. 3. Creation and Objectives of the Philippine Sports Academy.** –  
16 There is hereby created the Philippine Sports Academy which shall be the lead  
17 agency to implement the provisions of this Act, hereinafter referred to as the  
18 “Philippine Sports Academy” or “Academy”.

19 For purposes of general policy and program coordination, supervision,  
20 and direction, the Philippine Sports Academy shall be an attached agency of  
21 the Philippine Sports Commission, created pursuant to Republic Act No.  
22 6847, and shall be hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”.



1 The Philippine Sports Academy shall have the following objectives:

2 (a) To serve as the education and training arm of the Commission for  
3 the development of athletes capable of winning gold and other medals and of  
4 sports manpower;

5 (b) To train and grant degrees, in coordination with the Department of  
6 Education and the Commission on Higher Education, educators in different  
7 levels of specialization through academic degree programs;

8 (c) To train and accredit coaches, trainers, sports managers, referees,  
9 umpires, community sports psychologists, sports medicine practitioners,  
10 through non-degree programs;

11 (d) To conduct basic and applied research relevant to physical  
12 education and sports;

13 (e) To establish satellite regional training centers for sports education  
14 and sports;

15 (f) To enter into and engage in a consortium with public and private  
16 schools offering degree and non-degree courses in physical education and  
17 sports;

18 (g) To establish and maintain linkages with international academic  
19 institutions and organizations for continuing upgrading of sports manpower  
20 and the improvement of the academy and its sports curriculum and  
21 programs; and

22 (h) To perform such other functions and exercise such other powers  
23 necessary to carry out the declared policies, the aforementioned objectives,  
24 and the provisions of this Act.

25 **SEC. 4. Housing and Places of Activities.** – The Philippine Sports Academy  
26 shall be housed at the Philippine Sports Commission located in Pasig City,  
27 Metro Manila.

28 The activities of the Philippine Sports Academy, pursuant to this Act,  
29 may be carried out in satellite regional training centers, in venues pursuant  
30 to a consortium with public and private schools, or in such other places as  
31 the Philippine Sports Academy shall decide in order to implement this Act.

32 **SEC. 5. Board of Trustees.** – The administration, operations, and  
33 management of the Philippine Sports Academy shall be vested in a Board of  
34 Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, and shall be composed of the  
35 following:

36 (1) The Commission Chairman as *ex officio* chairman of the Board;

37 (2) One (1) representing the Department of Education, Undersecretary  
38 rank, who shall be *ex officio* Vice Chairman;

(3) One (1) representing the academe in sports education and training;

(4) One (1) representing the Philippine Sports Association with a specialization in education and training of sports manpower;

(5) The Executive Director of the Philippine Sports Academy as *ex officio* member.

The representatives of the academe and of the Philippine Sports Commission shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines for a term of three (3) years or shall serve until their successor shall be duly appointed and qualified.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Members of the Board of Trustees shall receive allowances of not less than One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) for every official meeting of the Board actual attended or activity to transact official business, of the Philippine Sports Academy, but in no case more than Fifteen thousand pesos (P15,000.00) each per annum.

**SEC. 6. Powers and Functions of the Board.** – The Board of Trustees shall exercise and perform the following powers and functions:

(a) To provide for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of a curricula leading to the following degrees and specializations in Physical Education as required qualification for teaching in the elementary, secondary, and tertiary schools or institution or as required of a supervisory position:

(1) Bachelor of Science in Education, Major in Physical Education;

(2) Bachelor of Science in Physical Education;

(3) Bachelor of Physical Education;

(4) Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Health and Music;

(5) Master of Arts in Physical Education; and

(6) Courses offering certificates such as Certificate in Physical Education, or Proficiency in Sports Coaching;

(b) To formulate and implement a material development program which shall directly manage, maintain, preserve, and gather data or information for the following facilities:

(1) Sports Medicine laboratory;

(2) Sports Museum;

(3) Sports Library; or

(4) Sports Bank;



1 (c) To provide for the training and accreditation of sports manpower  
2 such as, but not limited to the following:

- 3 (1) Coaches;
- 4 (2) Sports medicine practitioners;
- 5 (3) Sports officiating officials;
- 6 (4) Sports managers;
- 7 (5) Community sports leaders; or
- 8 (6) Business Sports Coordinators

9 And to extend assistance, whenever possible, utilizing resources  
10 in the conduct of athletic training, international exchange program and  
11 sports distance study program;

12 (d) To provide opportunities for potential athletes to attain certificates,  
13 diplomas or degrees of completion in the elementary, high school, and college  
14 education;

15 (e) To appoint professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees  
16 of the Academy to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other  
17 duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant them, of its discretion,  
18 leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate; and, to remove  
19 them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;

20 (f) To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and  
21 personal property of all kinds and administer the same for the benefit of the  
22 Academy, or of a department thereof, or for aid to any student-athlete in  
23 accordance with the directions or instructions of the donor, and, in default  
24 thereof, in such a manner as the Board may, at its discretion, determine; and

25 (g) To prescribe rules for its governance, and to enact such rules and  
26 regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the  
27 Academy as defined in this Act.

28 **SEC. 7. Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director.** – There shall  
29 be an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees,  
30 preferably from among the Commissioners of the Commission. He shall be  
31 assisted by a Deputy Executive Director, an Assistant Director for  
32 Administration and Finance, and a Dean for Academic Affairs. The Executive  
33 Director shall act as the Chief Executive of the Philippine Sports Academy and  
34 shall have a rank equivalent to that of the president of a state college or  
35 university in the Philippines.

36 The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director must be citizens  
37 of the Philippines, at least thirty-five (35) years of age, of good moral character,  
38 with at least three (3) years' experience in education administration, or in  
39 teaching of sports development with professional rank.

1       The Assistant Director for Administration and Finance must be a  
2 Filipino, at least thirty (30) years of age, of good moral character, a holder of  
3 Master's degree in business or public administration, or a certified public  
4 accountant, is civil service eligible, and with at least one (1) year experience  
5 in any academic institution.

6       The Dean for Academic Affairs must be a Filipino, at least thirty (30)  
7 years of age, of good moral character, is civil service eligible, with at least three  
8 (3) years' experience in educational administration or an associate professor  
9 rank in sports development.

10 **SEC. 8. Appropriations.** – There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for  
11 the implementation of this Act the amount of Five million pesos  
12 (P5,000,000.00) for the initial operation of the Philippine Sports Academy.  
13 Thereafter, such amount needed to implement this Act shall be included in  
14 the annual General Appropriations Act of the Philippine Sports Commission.

15 **SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is  
16 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any  
17 provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

18 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees,  
19 executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations  
20 or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of  
21 this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

22 **SEC. 11. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
23 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of  
24 general circulation.

Approved,