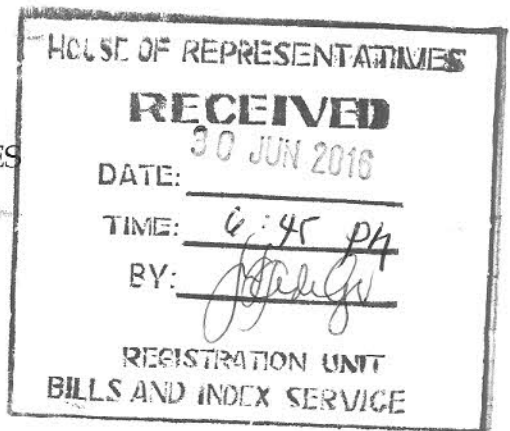


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HOUSE BILL NO **544**



Introduced by **Hon. MARK AERON H. SAMBAR**

Explanatory Note

The success of the Philippines as host country and as overall winner with 113 gold medals in the 23rd Southeast Asian Games in 2005 heightened the urgency and necessity of a national institution, and nation-wide network for quality education and training in accordance with international standards of sports performance in competitive events.

This bill seeks to establish a Philippine Sports Academy to train our athletes with a capability for the gold and to develop a sports manpower corps as the source and reserve pool in training the best amongst our athletes. The Academy will also train the educators and coaching refereeing corps to ensure a continuing stream of top athletes and the best educators for sports development. The Academy will be an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission.

A nation-wide network is contemplated comprising satellite-training centers, a consortium of education institutions for degree and non-degree programs, local government-sponsored palaros, and linkages with academe and international organizations related to sports development and education.

As an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission, there is an assurance that the Philippine Sports Academy is in the mainstream of governing policies and programs and that it will be a critical component for the Philippines to be in competition for the gold and other medals because of the continuing training and education of a corps athletes and the best coaches, referees and trainers.

Moreover, with the Philippine Sports Academy, physical education as taught in schools will be given the attention and priority status it deserves. In addition, teachers and instructors of physical education who will be part of the degree and non-degree program of the Academy will gain and deserve the recognition and importance they deserve and should get.

Early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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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 THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SEC. 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Sports Academy Act of 2016".

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

It is also declared the national policy to recognize the necessity of creating a national institution with a nation-wide network for delivery of educational and training services in order to carry out the declared national policy stated in the preceding paragraph of this Section

SEC. 3. Creation and Objectives of the Academy. There is hereby created the Philippine Sports Academy which shall be the lead agency to implement the provisions of this Act, hereinafter referred to as the "Philippine Sports Academy";

For purposes of general policy and program coordination, supervision and direction, the Philippine Sports Academy shall be an attached agency of the Philippine Sports Commission which was created pursuant to Republic Act No. 6847, and shall be hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

The Philippine Sports Academy shall have the following objectives:

- (a) To serve as the education and training arm of the Commission for the development of athletes capable of winning gold and other medals and of sports manpower;
- (b) To train and grant degrees, in coordination with the Department of Education, educators in different levels of specialization through academic degree programs;
- (c) To train and accredit coaches, trainers, sports managers, referees, umpires, community sports psychologists, sports medicine practitioners, through non-degree programs;
- (d) To conduct basic and applied research relevant to physical education and sports;
- (e) To establish satellite regional training centers for sports education and sports;
- (f) To enter into and engage in a consortium with public and private schools offering degree and non-degree courses in physical education and sports;
- (g) To establish and maintain linkages with international academic institutions and organizations for continuing upgrading of sports manpower and the improvement of the academy and its sports curriculum and programs; and
- (h) To perform such other functions and exercise such other powers necessary to carry out the declared policy, the aforementioned objectives, and the provisions of this Act.

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

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

SEC. 5. Board of Trustees. The administration, operations, and management of the National Academy shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, and shall be composed of the following:

- (1) The Commission Chairman as "ex officio" chairman of the board;
- (2) One (1) representing the Department of Education, Undersecretary rank, who shall be ex-officio Vice Chairman;
- (3) One (1) representing the academe in sports education and training;
- (4) One (1) representing the National 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 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 actually 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 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; and

(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

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

- (1) Coaches;
- (2) Sports medicine practitioners;

- (3) Sports officiating officials;
- (4) Sports managers;
- (5) Community Sports leaders, or
- (6) Business Sports Coordinators

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 7. Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director. There shall be an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees, preferably from among the Commissioners of the Commission. He shall be assisted by a Deputy Executive Director, one (1). Assistant Director for Administration and Finance, and a Dean for Academic Affairs. The Executive Director shall act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Philippine Sports Academy and shall have a rank equivalent to that of the president of State college or university in the Philippines.

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

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

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

SEC. 8. Funding. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the implementation of this Act by the Philippine Sports Academy the amount of Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) for the initial operations and projects of the Philippine Sports Academy as an attached agency of the Commission. Thereafter, such amount needed to implement this Act shall be included in the Annual Appropriations Act of the Commission for the implementation of this Act and earmarked for the operations of the Philippine Sports Academy.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Act or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. All laws, rules or orders inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect upon completion of its publication in at least one (1) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,