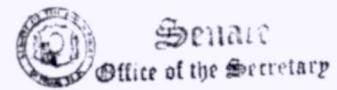


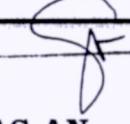
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The performance of the Philippines in its participation in various international sporting events and the situation of the athletic delegation carrying the colors of the country heightened the urgency and necessity of a national institution and nation-wide network for quality education and training in accord with international standards of sports performance in competitive events.

This bill meets this need for the creation of a National Academy of Sports 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 to compete with the best in other countries. 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. Under this proposed measure, 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 educational institutions for degree and non-degree programs, local government-sponsored Palaro, 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 National Academy of Sports will be in the mainstream of governing policies and programs and that it will be a critical component for the Philippines to be in competition towards excellence because of the continuing training and education of a corps of top athletes and the best coaches, referees and trainers.

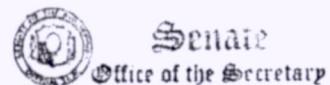
Moreover, with the National Academy, physical education as taught in schools will be given the attention and priority status it deserves. In addition, teachers and instructors of physical education who will be part of the non-degree program to sooner evolve into full fledge degree program of the Academy will gain and desire the recognition and importance they deserve and should get.

The approval of this National Academy of Sports bill is necessary and urgent if we are to aim for a brighter future in attaining superiority and sports for all aspiration as envisioned by no less than the President.



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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 National
2 Sports Academy Act of 2019."

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

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

15 SEC. 3. *Creation and Objectives of the Academy.* - There is hereby
16 created a Philippine National Sports Academy (PHINSA), hereinafter referred

1 to as the "National Academy," which shall be the lead agency in the
2 implementation of the provisions of this Act.

3 For purposes of general policy and program coordination, supervision
4 and direction, the National Academy shall be an attached agency of the
5 Philippine Sports Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

6 The National Academy shall have the following objectives:

- 7 (a) To serve as the education and training arm of the
8 Commission in coordination with the various National
9 Sports Associations (NSAs) in the development of a national
10 pool of athletes for national and international sports
11 competitions and a national pool of excellently-trained
12 sports manpower with the capability of training the youth
13 for physical fitness and sports;
- 14 (b) To train and accredit coaches, trainers, sports managers,
15 referees, umpires, and other sports professionals and
16 practitioners, in coordination with the various National
17 Sports Associations, the Department of Education and
18 educators in different levels of specialization, through non-
19 academic degree and other specialization certificate or
20 proficiency programs in sports-specific courses;
- 21 (c) To conduct basic and applied research relevant to physical
22 fitness, sports development and sports science, particularly
23 in sports suited to the physical and mental attributes of the
24 Filipinos;
- 25 (d) To establish satellite regional training centers for sports
26 manpower development and to initiate and maintain
27 international linkages with world-class educational and
28 training institutions or international organizations for the
29 grant of international non-degree certification courses, the
30 enhancement of competitive capabilities, and pre-
31 competition preparation;

- (e) To enter and engage in a consortium with public and private schools offering degree and non-degree courses in physical education and sports;
 - (f) To establish and maintain linkages with Southeast Asian Games and Asian Games organizing committees, the International Olympic Committee and international academic institutions and organizations for the continuous upgrading of sports manpower skills, the improvement of the national academy's sports curriculum and programs; and
 - (g) To perform such other functions and exercise such other powers necessary to carry out the declared policies, objectives, and the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. Programs and Operations Plans - the National Academy shall a medium-term program and operations plan for five (5) years and a term comprehensive plan for ten (10) years, to be reviewed and updated dically as may be necessary to carry out the programs and objectives of act.

SEC. 5. *Headquarters, Housing and Places of Activities.* - The headquarters of the National Academy shall be at the Philippine Sports Training Center (PSTC), or in such other place to be determined by the Board as it may deem necessary for the program plan.

The activities of the National Academy pursuant to this Act may also be carried out in satellite regional training centers, in venues agreed upon with the consortium of public and private schools, or in such other places within or outside the country as the National Academy may decide in order to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. Board of Trustees. - The administration, operation, and management of the National Academy shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," which shall be composed of the following:

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

1 (2) A representative of the Department of Education (DepEd), of
2 undersecretary rank, who shall be *ex-officio* Vice-Chairman;

3 (3) A representative of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED),
4 with the rank of Assistant Commissioner;

5 (4) A representative of the Technical Education and Skills
6 Development Authority (TESDA);

7 (5) A representative of the National, Regional, Provincial, City,
8 Municipal and Barangay Physical Fitness and Sports Development Council
9 (PFSDC) created under Executive Order 63;

10 (6) A representative of the academe in the field of sports education and
11 training;

12 (7) A representative of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC);

13 (8) The President of the National Academy as *ex-officio* member.

14 The Chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission, the
15 representative of the Department of Education, the representative of the
16 Commission on Higher Education, the representative of the Technical
17 Education and Skills Development Authority, and the representative of the
18 National Physical Fitness and Sports Development Council shall have an ex-
19 officio term of office, while the representative of the academe and of the
20 Philippine Olympic Committee shall be appointed by the President for a term
21 of four (4) years or shall serve until their successors shall have been duly
22 appointed and qualified.

23 The Board shall transact business with a quorum of at least five (5)
24 trustees at a meeting presided over by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. All
25 processes against the Board shall be served on the Chairman.

26 SEC. 7. *Powers and Functions of the Board.* - The board of trustees
27 shall formulate, approve and carry out the medium-term and long-term
28 plans of the National Academy as provided in this Act and shall exercise and
29 perform the following powers and functions in consonance with the policy
30 set forth in this Act:

31 (a) To provide for the planning, implementation and evaluation
32 of a curricula leading to non-degree courses in physical

1 education through the grant of certificates in certain areas of
2 specialization, such as, but not limited to the following:

- 3 (1) Certificate in Sports Coaching;
- 4 (2) Certificate in Sports Fitness Management;
- 5 (3) Certificate in Sports Management;
- 6 (4) Certificate in Sports Medicine;
- 7 (5) Certificate in Physical Education;
- 8 (6) Certificate in Recreation Management;
- 9 (7) Certificate in Sports Administration;
- 10 (8) Certificate in Sports Science.

11 (b) To formulate and implement a materials development
12 program which shall directly manage, maintain, preserve and
13 gather data or information for the following facilities of the
14 national academy:

- 15 (1) Sports Medicine Laboratory;
- 16 (2) Sports Museum;
- 17 (3) Sports Library; and
- 18 (4) Sports Information Bank
- 19 (5) Sports Research

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

- 22 (1) Coaches;
- 23 (2) Sports Officiating Officials;
- 24 (3) Sports Managers;
- 25 (4) Community Sports Leaders; or
- 26 (5) Sports Coordinators.

27 (d) To extend assistance to athletes and to other sports
28 practitioners, as well as to national sports associations,
29 whenever possible, utilizing its resources in the conduct of
30 athletic training, international exchange program and sports
31 distance study program.

32 (e) To provide opportunities for national and other potential
33 national athletes to attain certificates, diplomas or degrees of

1 completion in elementary, high school and college education
2 levels in coordination with the Department of Education Culture
3 and Sports, Commission on Higher Education and other
4 concerned government agencies.

5 (f) To recruit professors, instructors, lecturers and other
6 employees of the Academy, to fix their compensation, hours of
7 service, duties and other terms and conditions of employment
8 as it may deem proper, to grant them, at its discretion, leave of
9 absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, and to
10 remove them for cause after due investigation and hearing;

11 (g) To set up a trust fund and receive as part of said trust such
12 legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all
13 kinds and administer the same for the benefit of the National
14 Academy or a department thereof, or for aid to any student
15 athletes or for any other purpose in accordance with the
16 conditions of the donation and, in default thereof, pursuant to
17 the National Academy's programs in such manner as the Board
18 may, in its discretion, determine but in no case for
19 administrative operations;

20 (h) To submit an annual report on the qualitative and
21 quantitative achievements on the implementation of this act to
22 the president and to congress; and

23 (i) To prescribe rules for its own governance, and to enact such
24 regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the
25 purposes of the National Academy as defined in this Act.

26 SEC. 8. *President, Vice President and Directors.* - There shall be a
27 President who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines. He
28 shall be assisted by a Vice President, one (1) Director for Administration and
29 Finance, and one (1) Director for Academic Affairs. The President shall act
30 as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Academy and shall have a
31 rank equivalent to that of the President of a State College or State
32 University.

1 The President must be a citizen of the Philippines, at least thirty-five
2 (35) years of age, of good moral character, and must be at least a holder of a
3 doctorate degree in sports administration or physical education with at least
4 two (2) years experience in sports administration.

5 The powers and duties of the President of the Academy, in addition to
6 those specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to
7 the Office of the President of the University.

8 The Vice-President must be a citizen of the Philippines, at least thirty-
9 five (35) years of age, of good moral character, holder of a master's degree or
10 some units in a doctoral program in sports administration or physical
11 education, with at least two (2) years experience in educational
12 administration.

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

18 The duty of the Director for Administration and Finance of the
19 Academy is to implement the policies governing the administration, financial
20 matters, management and development planning of the Academy as
21 approved by the Board.

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

26 The duty of the Director for Academic Affairs of the Academy is to
27 prescribe curricular offerings subject to the approval of the Board. It shall
28 fix the requirements for admission to the Academy as well as to the
29 conferring of non-degree programs subject to review and approval of the
30 Board through the President of the Academy.

31 SEC. 9. *Funding.* - There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for
32 the implementation of this Act by the National Academy the amount of One
33 Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) from the National Sports

1 Development Fund (NSDF) for the initial operations and projects of the
2 National Academy as an attached agency of the Commission. Thereafter,
3 such amount needed to implement this Act shall be included in the Annual
4 Appropriations Act of the Commission for the implementation of this Act and
5 earmarked for the operations of the National Academy.

6 SEC. 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within 180 days from
7 the effectivity of this Act, the PSC shall, in consultation with the DepEd,
8 CHED and TESDA, with the participation of the POC and various NSAs,
9 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
10 implementation of this Act.

11 SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act or the
12 application of such provision to any person or circumstances is held invalid,
13 the remainder of this Act or the application of such provision to other
14 persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

15 SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, rules or orders inconsistent
16 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

17 SEC. 12. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect upon completion of its
18 publication in at least one (1) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,