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CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Because the State recognizes the youth's role in nation-building, it necessarily acknowledges its responsibility to provide opportunities to all its youth, including its student-athletes, or those who desire to hone their skills in sports and athletics. Sports and physical development are basic elements in the education and formation of the youth. Unfortunately, the present public and private school educational system provide inadequate support to the student-athlete.

Public school students have very limited options if they opt to pursue sports within the public education structure which is only through the Palarong Pambansa or the Philippine National Games that is, if they are talented enough to be recruited. In terms of curriculum, physical education (PE) is consolidated with music, arts, and health in just one academic subject that translates to less time and focus devoted to sports. In terms of curriculum, physical education (PE) is taught but it is consolidated with music, arts, and health in just one academic subject, translating to lesser time and focus devoted to sports.

While the Department of Education has identified one high school in each region as schools with a Special Program in Sports (SPS), there is no clear training program and selection criteria in place. The private school system, on the other hand, provides more opportunities for exposure in sporting activities not only because PE is treated as a separate academic subject, but also because of the active development of varsity teams that participate in inter-school leagues across the country. However, it is not uncommon for student-athletes in private schools to experience academic difficulties due to the lack of time to study and complete projects.

The Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS) will have an academic curriculum that will teach the needed academic skills but at the same time provide the needed time and support for developing the students' sports skills.

Moreover, the measure will help the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) in training and developing future world-class national athletes, who will be better-trained,

more equipped, and adequately supported because of their holistic development within PHSS. The PHSS system also aims to provide the student-athletes with skills, which will make them employable immediately after high school.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SONNY ANGARA', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as “*The Philippine High School*  
2 *for Sports (PHSS) Act.*”  
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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Principles.** – The Philippine Constitution recognizes the vital  
5 role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral,  
6 spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It is likewise mandated that the State shall  
7 promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and  
8 amateur sports, including training for international competitions, foster self-discipline,  
9 teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

10 It is therefore declared the policy of the State to maximize the athletic abilities of  
11 students with the end in view of producing world-class athletes with solid academic  
12 background. In line with this, an educational system to foster the total development of  
13 the youth, with special emphasis on the enhancement and development of their skills in  
14 sports is hereby established.  
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16 **SEC. 3. Creation and Establishment of the Philippine High School for Sports.** –  
17 There is hereby created and established a national high school to be known as the  
18 Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS). This shall be attached to the Department of  
19 Education (DepEd) which shall also coordinate with the Philippine Sports Commission  
20 (PSC) for policy and program formulation and implementation on subjects pertaining to  
21 sports.  
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23 **SEC. 4. Purpose of the PHSS.** – The PHSS shall offer, on a full and partial scholarship  
24 basis, a secondary course with special emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the

1 students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports development, with  
2 the end in view of preparing its students who have shown their early potential of  
3 excelling in sports for a sports-related career while undergoing quality secondary  
4 education. The Board may agree to accept paying students based on the criteria for  
5 eligibility for scholarships as established.

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7 **SEC. 5. Director of the PHSS.** – The PHSS shall be headed by a Director, who shall  
8 serve for a period of four (4) years and shall be eligible for reappointment. He shall be  
9 appointed by the Board of Trustees, as created in Section 6. The Board shall also fix his  
10 compensation. His functions, powers and duties, in addition to those specifically  
11 provided for in this law, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of  
12 any high school in the Philippine educational system.

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14 **SEC. 6. Board of Trustees.** – The exercise of the corporate powers of the PHSS is  
15 hereby vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board,  
16 and in the Director, insofar as authorized by said Board, and shall serve for a period of  
17 three (3) years.

18 The PHSS shall have a Board of Trustees, which shall be composed of the  
19 following members: Secretary of the DepEd or his representative, the Chairperson of  
20 the PSC or his representative, the Director of the PHSS, one (1) representative each  
21 from the Senate and the House of Representatives, and four (4) representatives from  
22 the sports community: *Provided*, That the four (4) representatives from the sports  
23 community shall be chosen from among a list of persons qualified in the field of sports,  
24 as recommended by the Search Committee constituted by the Director in consultation  
25 with the Chairperson of the PSC, based on the normal standards and qualification for  
26 the position: *Provided, further*, That the members shall elect from among themselves  
27 the Chair of the Board. All members who are not receiving regular compensation from  
28 the government shall receive *per diem* per session of the Board.

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30 **SEC. 7. Powers and Functions of the Board of Trustees.** – The Board shall have all  
31 the powers and prerogatives of a Board of Directors of a private corporation. It shall also  
32 have the following powers, among others:

- 33 (a) To fix the site of the PHSS;  
34 (b) To receive and appropriate for the ends herein specified such sums as may  
35 be provided by law for the support of the PHSS;  
36 (c) To approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Director in  
37 connection with the employment of teachers, lecturers and other employees

1 of the school, to fix their compensation and other conditions of employment,  
2 and to remove them for cause after proper investigation;

3 (d) To import duty-free sports education and training books and/or publications  
4 upon certification by the DepEd that such imported books and/or publications  
5 are for sports education and training purposes in accordance with the  
6 provisions of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act;

7 (e) To fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, as the Board may  
8 deem proper to impose, after due and comprehensive consultation with the  
9 students concerned;

10 (f) To provide and approve fellowships and training for faculty members;

11 (g) To approve the grant of scholarships, stipends and such other allowances to  
12 deserving students;

13 (h) To establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which  
14 shall include, among others, national competitive trials and examinations;

15 (i) To develop the athletic potential of every student together with a sound and  
16 strong academic base;

17 (j) To provide a training program for students with the end goal of creating  
18 athletes who are competitive in the national, South East Asian, Asian, and  
19 Olympics level;

20 (k) To approve the issuance of certificates or diplomas to successful candidates  
21 for graduation;

22 (l) To solicit and receive in trust, legacies, gifts, and donations of real and  
23 personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the  
24 PHSS or for aid to any of its students;

25 (m) To develop a curriculum that will meet the objectives of the Act; and

26 (n) To perform any and all other acts incident to or required by virtue of its  
27 creation.

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29 **SEC. 8. Quorum of the Board of Trustees.** – A quorum of the Board shall consist of  
30 majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting is called.

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32 **SEC. 9. Annual Report.** – On or before the first of April of each year the Board shall  
33 submit to the DepEd a detailed report on the progress, condition and needs of the  
34 PHSS.

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36 **SEC. 10. Executive Council.** – There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the  
37 Director, the Assistant Director, as provided in Section 11, the heads of departments,

1 and such other ranking faculty members or officials of the PHSS, as may be determined  
2 by the Board.

3 The Council shall have the power to screen and select the students subject for  
4 admission, to select students who shall be recipients of scholarships, stipends and other  
5 allowances, and to develop the curricula, course or study, and rules of discipline. The  
6 Council shall implement and execute the policies laid down by the Board and exercise  
7 such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

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9 **SEC. 11. Assistant Director of the PHSS.** – There shall be an Assistant Director who  
10 shall assist the Director. In the absence of the Director, he shall assume the  
11 administrative and supervisory functions of the Director. He shall be appointed by the  
12 Chairperson of the Board subject to the approval of the same Board, which shall also fix  
13 his compensation.

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15 **SEC. 12. Registrar of the PHSS.** – There shall be a Registrar of the School who shall  
16 also act as Secretary of the Board, to be appointed by the Director with the approval of  
17 the Board. He shall keep all records of the PHSS.

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19 **SEC. 13. Treasurer of the PHSS.** – There shall be a Treasurer of the PHSS who shall  
20 be appointed by the Director, with the approval of the Board.

21 All accounts and expenses of the PHSS are public in nature, and shall be subject  
22 to auditing by the Commission on Audit (COA).

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24 **SEC. 14. Tax Exemptions of the PHSS.** – The PHSS shall be exempt from payment of  
25 all taxes, fees, assessments and other charges of the Government, its branches and  
26 subdivisions.

27 It shall likewise be exempt from the payment of customs duties, taxes and tariffs  
28 on the importation of sportswear, equipment, books, supplies, instruments, materials  
29 and goods, including those donated to the PHSS: *Provided*, That these are of  
30 international sports standards and are not available from local manufacturers: *Provided*,  
31 *further*, That the importation shall only be in such numbers as may be required in the  
32 development of various sports and/or training of the students.

33 The PHSS shall also be exempt from withholding taxes on the honoraria or fees  
34 paid by the PHSS to visiting lecturers or professors from abroad.

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36 **SEC. 15. Tax Deduction or Exemption of Donations and Contributions.** – All  
37 legacies, gifts and donations for the benefit of the PHSS, or for its support and

1 maintenance, or for aid to any of its students shall be tax-exempt and shall be an  
2 allowable deduction from the gross-income of the donors.

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4 **SEC. 16. *Sports High School Fund.*** – All incomes and donations to the PHSS created  
5 under this Act shall be formed into a fund, to be known as the Sports High School Fund,  
6 which the PHSS shall be authorized to retain, without need of a separate approval from  
7 any government agency, and subject only to existing accounting and auditing rules and  
8 regulations. This fund shall be expended as authorized by the Board exclusively for the  
9 purpose of this Act.

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11 **SEC. 17. *Funding.*** – To carry out the purposes of this Act the amount of One Hundred  
12 Million Pesos (Php 100,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated and shall be made available  
13 from the funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Thereafter, this  
14 amount to be utilized for the expenses of the PHSS, for the purpose above described,  
15 shall be provided in the yearly General Appropriations Act.

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17 **SEC. 18. *Additional Funding.*** – Various sources of revenue shall be explored, such as  
18 a combination of government funding, private sponsorship/scholarships, profit  
19 generation, among others.

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21 **SEC. 19. *Separability Clause.*** – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held  
22 unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall  
23 continue to be in full force and effect.

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25 **SEC. 20. *Repealing Clause.*** – All other laws, decrees, executive order and other  
26 administrative issuances and parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of  
27 this Act are hereby modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

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29 **SEC. 21. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its  
30 publication in the Official Gazette or in a major daily newspaper of national circulation in  
31 the Philippines.

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33 *Approved,*