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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:

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2 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine High
3 School for Sports Act”.

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5 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the declared policy of the State to recognize the vital
6 role of the youth in nation-building and to promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual,
7 intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and
8 encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs. Likewise, the State shall give priority to
9 education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster total human liberation and
10 development.

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12 **SEC. 3. Establishment of a Philippine High School for Sports.** – There is hereby
13 established a Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS). The PHSS shall offer, on a scholarship
14 basis, a secondary course with special emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the students
15 through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports development, thereby enabling the
16 students to gain their secondary education while ensuring opportunities for their participation in
17 sports competitions.

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19 **SEC. 4. The Board of Trustees, Composition, Compensation and Term of Office.** –
20 The PHSS shall be governed by a seven (7)-member Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the
21 Board, which shall be created to formulate and implement sports and education-related policies.

22 The Board shall be composed of the following:

- 23 (a) The Secretary of Education, as the Chairperson;
24 (b) The Executive Director of the PHSS, as the Vice Chairperson;
25 (c) The Chairperson of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), as member;
26 (d) The President of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), as member;

1 (e) One (1) representative from the private sector engaged in sports, to be appointed by the
2 President of the Republic of the Philippines, as member;

3 (f) One (1) representative from the Senate, to be designated by the Senate President, as
4 member; and

5 (g) One (1) representative from the House of Representatives, to be designated by the
6 Speaker, as member.

7 The Secretary of Education shall designate any of his Undersecretaries to serve as Acting
8 Chairperson of the Board in his absence. The members of the Board, who are not receiving any
9 regular compensation from the government, shall be entitled to per diem for their attendance in
10 Board meetings, subject to allowable rates in accordance with existing laws. The member of the
11 Board, who represents the private sector engaged in sports, shall serve for eight (8) years, without
12 reappointment, covering two (2) Olympic Games.

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14 **SEC. 5. Powers and Duties of the Board.** – The Board shall:

15 (a) Formulate a national plan of action for the implementation of this Act;

16 (b) Formulate policies on appointment, promotion, retention, removal, renewal, rewards and
17 incentives for administrators, faculty and staff;

18 (c) Determine the site of the PHSS, including the regional sites for later expansion;

19 (d) Approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Executive Director in
20 connection with the employment of teaching and nonteaching personnel of the PHSS, subject to
21 conditions to be set affecting Section 12 of this Act;

22 (e) Fix compensation and other conditions of employment in accordance with the Salary
23 Standardization Law;

24 (f) Review and approve contracts entered into under Republic Act No. 8525 (Adopt-a-
25 School Act of 1998);

26 (g) Approve the curricula, course of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the Executive
27 Council, as provided for in Section 8 of this Act;

28 (h) Approve the grant of scholarship, stipend and such allowances for students;

29 (i) Approve the budget and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the support of
30 the PHSS;

31 (j) Provide fellowship grants for faculty members;

32 (k) Approve the issuance of certificates of diplomas to successful candidates for graduation;

33 (l) Prescribe for the administration of the PHSS such general rules and regulations consistent
34 with its purpose, as defined in Section 3 of this Act;

35 (m) Receive in trusts, legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties and
36 administer the same for the benefit of the PHSS or as aid to any of its students;

37 (n) Establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include,
38 among others, examinations, national competitive screenings and tryouts;

1 (o) Purchase, receive, take or hold such real and personal properties as the transaction of the
2 lawful business of this institution may reasonably and necessarily require, subject to the limitations
3 prescribed by law;

4 (p) Recommend nominees for the position of PHSS Executive Director to the President of
5 the Republic of the Philippines; and

6 (q) Exercise such other powers as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.
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8 **SEC. 6. The Executive Director.** – The Executive Director shall act as the school head
9 vested with the authority to implement policies and programs approved by the Board and manage
10 and supervise the operation of the PHSS.

11 The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation by
12 the Board of Trustees and cannot be removed from office except for cause.
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14 **SEC. 7. Meeting and Quorum.** – A quorum of the Board shall hold regular monthly
15 meetings and special meetings as may be necessary. A quorum shall consist of a majority of all
16 members holding office at the time the Board meeting is called.
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18 **SEC. 8. The Executive Council.** – There shall be established an Executive Council
19 consisting of the Executive Director, the heads of departments and such other ranking faculty
20 members or officials of the PHSS as may be determined by the Executive Director.

21 The Executive Council shall have the power to:

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

23 (b) Select students who shall be recipients of the scholarship, stipends and other allowances,
24 including those who shall benefit from the Adopt-a-School Law;

25 (c) Develop the curricula, course of study, training, and rules of discipline, all subject to the
26 approval of the Board;

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

28 (e) Recommend students eligible for graduation;

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

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

31 (h) Exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.
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33 **SEC. 9. The School Registrar.** – There shall be a Registrar of the PHSS who shall also act
34 as the Secretary of the Board, to be appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the
35 Board, unless the Board appoints another who shall act as Secretary of the Board. The Registrar or
36 the Board Secretary shall keep such records as may be prescribed by the Board.
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38 **SEC. 10. The School Treasurer.** – There shall be a Treasurer of the PHSS who shall be
39 appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board. All PHSS-funded accounts and

