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HOUSE BILL NO. 6961
(In substitution of House Bill No. 4248)

Introduced by Representatives Garcia (J.E.), Romulo, Martinez, Yap (E.), Balindong, Fortuno, Barba, Guico, Amatong, Umali (M.V.), Go (M.), Dimaporo (A.), Bascug and Tutor

AN ACT
CREATING A HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAGAC, PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATAAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the sustained development of young Filipinos whose skill in the field of sports shall be encouraged and honed through education and specialized training programs. To this end, the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education and training to advance the athletic talents and skills among the youth and promote the growth and development of young athletes nationwide.

SEC. 2. Establishment of the Bataan High School for Sports. – There is hereby created a high school for sports in the Municipality of Bagac, Province of Bataan to be known as the “Bataan High School for Sports,” hereinafter referred to as the “School”.

The School shall be administered by the Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), for policy and program formulation and implementation.

SEC. 3. Purpose. – The School shall offer a secondary education purposely to develop the athletic skills and talents of high school students with considerable potential in sports in the Province of Bataan. The school curriculum shall have a significant emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports.

SEC 4. Powers and Functions. – The School shall exercise the following powers and functions:

a) Formulate, recommend, and implement policies, plans, and programs that shall promote the development and harness the potential of high school students;

b) Provide an integrated framework and implement programs in order to optimize the potential of its students;
c) Establish sports programs and facilities that shall be accessible to the general public;

d) Promote strategic partnerships and alliances between and among local and international sports organizations and educational training institutions to enhance the competitiveness of students and personnel;

e) Develop plans and programs that shall enhance the career advancement opportunities of school personnel;

f) Establish guidelines for public-private partnerships in the implementation of sports programs of the school; and

g) Perform such other functions as may be required to implement the objectives of this Act.

SEC. 5. School Director. – The School shall be headed by a School Director who shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the school.

The School Director shall be assisted by an Assistant Director for Internal Affairs and an Assistant Director for External Affairs.

SEC. 6. Sectoral and Industry Task Forces. – The School may create sectoral and industry task forces, technical working groups, advisory bodies or committees for the furtherance of its objectives.

The members of the sectoral and industry task forces may come from the agencies of the national government, government-owned and controlled corporations, local government units, the academe, civil society organizations, sports organizations, and sports-related industrial organizations. The manner of selection of such members shall be provided under the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) to be formulated to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. Appropriations. - The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the DepEd’s budget in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Chairperson of the PSC and other concerned agencies of the government, shall formulate the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,