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Introduced by **Hon. Mark Aeron H. Sambar**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 14, Section 19 provides:

SEC. 19. (1) 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.

(2) All educational institutions shall undertake regular sports activities throughout the country in cooperation with athletic clubs and other sectors.

The Constitution, Article 2, Section 14 provides:

The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men.

Sports events not only bring people together, it also develops other aspects of a person. This is not only applicable to men but also holds true for women. There is substantial evidence that women and girls who participate in sports have better physical and emotional health than women and girls who do not participate, and that participation in athletics can improve academic performance.

In a society like ours, the equality of the sexes should be an old issue not worthy of the slightest attention. However, the field of sports is not spared from sex discrimination. Discrimination in this regard is detrimental to the interest of women. Despite the assurances of the Constitution, a significant gap remains between the athletic opportunities available to men and the athletic opportunities available to women. This bill seeks to grant women equal sport opportunities with men - to level the playing field, so to speak with regard to the opportunities

available to women and men in the area of sports. In a wider perspective, this bill equips women with the capacity to play a major role in nation-building.

In view of the foregoing circumstances, approval of this bill is urgently requested.



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(E) "Sport prize" includes awards, premiums, incentives, rewards, gifts, or anything given to a winner of a sport event or tournament, whether monetary or not.

SECTION 4. *Athletic Scholarship Program.* – Schools, colleges, universities, or any other learning institutions shall take into account the gender of its total student population in granting athletic scholarships. There shall be a *pro rata* representation of women in the athletic scholarship program based on the percentage of women in the whole student population.

The schools, colleges, universities, or any other learning institutions shall submit an annual report in writing to the Secretary which contains the following:

(A) The total number of the student population;

(B) A list of athletic scholars; and

(C) The extent of the scholarship program given to a particular individual, including a summary on how much was given to a particular scholar.

SECTION 5. *Right to Know.* – Students of the schools, colleges, universities or any other learning institutions shall have the right to know the information contained in the annual report required by the preceding section. Upon a written request from the students, the colleges, universities, or any other learning institutions shall furnish them with a copy of the annual report.

SECTION 6. *Sports Prizes.* – No sport event or tournament will offer or award a different sport prize, with respect to its amount or value, to female and male winners. Provided, that the said tournament, contest, race, match, event, or game is open to both sexes: Provided further that, the sport event or tournament is divided into male and female division.

SECTION 7. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of Department of is hereby authorized to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act in accordance with its purposes.

SECTION 8. *Penalty.* – Any violation of this Act shall be punished with a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) but not more than Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than three (3) months or both at the

1 discretion of the court. If the offense is committed by a corporation, trust, firm, partnership or
2 association, or other entity, the penalty shall be imposed upon the guilty officer or officers of
3 such corporation, trust, firm, partnership, or association, or entity.

4 SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
5 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
6 valid and subsisting.

7 SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree, or issuance, executive
8 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
9 with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

10 SECTION 11. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
11 publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

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