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HOUSE BILL NO. 2333

Introduced by Rep. Wilfredo Mark M. Enverga

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Filipino athletes always aspire for gold in almost all competitions they are participating. While participating in sports competition matter, getting the gold, however, is another matter.

Philippine sports has lost its luster owing to the absence of a long-term, sustained national sports development program. Instead, it relies on the best talent available to bring honor to the country.

A lasting plan for Philippine sports cannot be drawn up, because the local sports leadership changes as frequently as the national leadership, if not more often with both events linked to the political fortunes of those in power. When the leadership changes, the priorities change too.

Another problem is that laws to help boost sports have not been followed to the letter, and little funding is available to develop both the elite athletes and the promising beginners that would succeed them on national teams.

Finally, there is also a lot of youth who has potentials in sports yet cannot harness their abilities because of the absence of support in order for them to acquire academic degree courses in sports and physical education.

We need not be reminded of how important sports and physical fitness are to the country. Article 2, Section 17 of the Constitution, for one, guarantees that the state shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Article 14, Section 19 also states that the government 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 same article also states that all educational institutions shall undertake regular sports activities throughout the country in cooperation with athletic clubs and other sectors.

The purpose of this bill is to provide scholarship opportunity for incoming college students to take various courses on sports and physical education. The scholarship program is designed to help underprivileged students with athletic skills to pursue college education while harnessing their talents and skills in sports and physical education.

In this context, approval of the Bill is earnestly sought.


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14 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL
15 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS IN SPORTS
16 DEVELOPMENT COURSES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
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18 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
19 *Congress assembled:*
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21 SECTION. 1. This Act shall be known as the "Sports Scholarship Act of 2010".
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23 SEC. 2. There shall be selected annually from the graduating classes of all public and
24 private high schools in every municipality of the country, a poor but deserving student who shall
25 be granted scholarships in sports and physical education courses, in the form of a Fund
26 Assistance to cover tuition and registration fees, book allowance, board and lodging fees, or
27 transportation allowance, and a monthly stipend for living expenses.
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29 SEC. 3. For the purposes of this Act, Sports and Physical Education Courses shall refer to
30 undergraduate degree programs in Sports and Physical Education, as well as certificates in various
31 fields of sports activities like sports management, coaching, training and conditioning, and sports
32 journalism among others.

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2 **SEC. 4.** The scholarship program under this Act shall be geared exclusively towards the
3 study of Sports and Physical education courses, which may be offered by colleges or universities
4 from four to five years.
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6 **SEC. 5.** The scholarship grant provided herein shall not be limited to studying only in a
7 school where the scholar is residing but would grant the opportunity to study in schools offering
8 sports and physical education courses that are situated anywhere in the country.
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10 **SEC.6.** The scholarship program herein provided shall be directly implemented by the
11 Commission on Higher Education.
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13 **SEC. 7.** The Commission on Higher Education in consultation with the Philippine Sports
14 Commission and other National Sports Organizations shall issue necessary rules and regulations
15 for the effective implementation of this Act. Such rules and regulations shall cover among others
16 rules pertaining to scholars qualifications, maintenance requirements, renewal of scholarship
17 grants, and equitable allotment of slots for scholarship grantees.
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19 **SEC. 8.** The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be
20 charged to the appropriations of the Commission on Higher Education under the current General
21 Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as maybe provided for its operation shall be included
22 in the General Appropriations Act.
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24 **SEC. 9.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.
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26 **APPROVED**