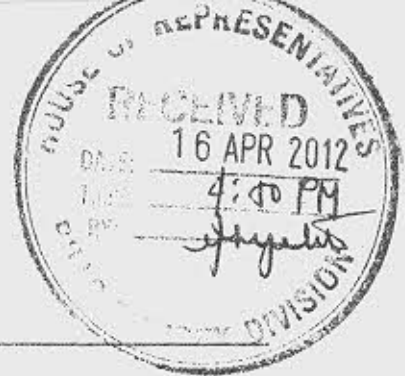


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Report No. 2086

Submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on 16 APR 2012
Re: House Bill No. 6119
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3164
Sponsors: Representatives Renato J. Unico Jr. and Alfredo "Albee" B. Benitez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Youth and Sports Development to which was referred House Bill No. 3164 introduced by Rep. Alfredo "Albee" B. Benitez, entitled:

"AN ACT REVITALIZING THE CONDUCT AND STRENGTHENING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PALARONG PAMBANSA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR".

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 6119, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF THE PALARONG PAMBANSA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR".

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3164 with Reps. Alfredo "Albee" B. Benitez, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Emmanuel D. Pacquiao, Renato J. Unico, Jr., Mark A. Villar, Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos, Emmeline Y. Aglipay, Monique Yazmin Q. Lagdameo, Raymond V. Palatino, Lucy T. Gomez, Edwin DL. Olivarez, Mark Llandro L. Mendoza, Roberto V. Puno, Randolph S. Ting, Sigfrido R. Tinga, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Arnel U. Ty, Fatima Aliah Q. Dimaporo, Pedro B. Acharon, Jr., Roger Gaviola Mercado, Gabriel Luis R. Quisumbing, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Danilo E. Suarez and Bernadette Ramirez Herrera-Dy as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. RENATO J. UNICO, JR.

Chairman

Committee on Youth and Sports Development

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(in substitution to HB 3164)

Introduced by Representatives Alfredo "Albee" B. Benitez, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Emmanuel D. Pacquiao, Renato J. Unico,,Jr., Mark A. Villar, Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos, Emmeline Y. Aglipay, Monique Yazmin Q. Lagdameo, Raymond V. Palatino, Lucy T. Gomez, Edwin DL. Olivarez, Mark Llandro L. Mendoza, Roberto V. Puno, Randolph S. Ting, Sigfrido R. Tinga, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Arnel U. Ty, Fatima Aliah Q. Dimaporo, Pedro B. Acharon, Jr., Roger Gaviola Mercado, Gabriel Luis R. Quisumbing, Rufus B. Rodriguez ,Danilo E. Suarez and Bernadette Ramirez Herrera-Dy

**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF THE PALARONG
PAMBANSA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1 Section 1. *Short Title* - This Act shall be known as the "Palarong
2 Pambansa Act".

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy*. - It is the policy of the State to promote
4 physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and
5 amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster
6 self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy
7 and alert citizenry through the institutionalization of the Palarong Pambansa
8 as the country's premier national sporting event. Hence, it shall be a
9 declared policy of the State to support programs that will improve and
10 promote the Palarong Pambansa as the primary avenue for providing in-
11 school sports opportunities to improve the physical, intellectual and social

1 well-being of the youth. All educational institutions are therefore directed to
2 promote physical education and undertake regular sports activities as well as
3 support the local meets and the Palarong Pambansa.

4 Sec. 3. *Objectives* – The objectives of this Act are the following:

5 (a) To institutionalize the Palarong Pambansa as the premier
6 national sporting event of the country under the Department of
7 Education (DepEd) as a venue for talent identification, selection
8 and recruitment of student athletes;

9 (b) To improve the DepEd's national school sports program and give
10 more prestige to the annual sports event by encouraging better
11 participation of schools through incentives and rewards; and

12 (c) To encourage the local government units (LGUs) to take a pro-
13 active role in the promotion of the Palarong Pambansa locally
14 and nationally by providing incentives and rewards .

15 ARTICLE II

16 ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PALARONG 17 PAMBANSA

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19 Sec. 4. *Palarong Pambansa Board* – A Palarong Pambansa Board,
20 hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, is hereby created as the lead policy-
21 making and coordinating body for the preparation and conduct of the
22 Palarong Pambansa. The Board shall be attached to the Department of
23 Education and shall be the proprietary owner of the words “Palarong
24 Pambansa” and its related symbols, logos, and concept.

1 The Members of the Board shall be entitled to reimbursement of actual
2 traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official
3 duties as members of the Palarong Pambansa Board subject to pertinent
4 laws, rules and regulations.

5 *Sec. 5. Membership of the Board* – The Board shall have seven (7)
6 members composed of the following:

7 (a) Secretary of the Department of Education – Chairperson

8 (b) One (1) Undersecretary of the DepEd

9 (c) Two (2) Assistant Secretaries of the DepEd

10 (d) Chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)

11 (e) President of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC)

12 (f) Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government
13 (DILG)

14 *Sec. 6. Functions and Duties of the Board* – The Board shall perform the
15 following functions and duties:

16 (a) To formulate policies and guidelines that shall govern the
17 conduct of the Palarong Pambansa and other related school
18 sports activities leading to the Palarong Pambansa;

19 (b) To review and update regularly the rules and regulations of
20 sports included in the Palarong Pambansa in accordance with
21 international standards;

- (c) To develop and recommend programs and policies that will promote the Palarong Pambansa and increase public awareness of it, persuade schools to participate and improve their performance in sports and physical education; and encourage the LGUs to support and promote it as the country's premier sports event.;
- (d) To provide incentives and rewards to participating schools and LGUs, including medal winners;
- (e) To formulate and issue policies and guidelines on the accreditation of athletes, coaches and chaperones;
- (f) To create the Palarong Pambansa Communications Task Force;
- (g) To create the National Screening and Accreditation Committee.;
- (h) To develop marketing strategies to generate funds and promote the Palarong Pambansa including, but not limited to, royalties, merchandising and advertisements;
- (i) To allocate funds for the conduct of school sports activities leading to the Palarong Pambansa;
- (j) To formulate and issue the criteria for the selection of host LGU and approve bids to host the Palarong Pambansa;
- (k) To set the date of the staging of the Palarong Pambansa;
- (l) To identify the sports events to be included in the Palarong Pambansa;
- (m) To appoint a Secretary-General of the Palarong Pambansa;

- (n) To enter into contracts or obligations essential for the proper accomplishment of its purposes and objectives;
- (o) To conduct regular inventory of existing sports facilities, venues, and equipment throughout the country;
- (p) To formulate guidelines for the conduct of sports events for students with disability;
- (q) To assess the conduct of the Palarong Pambansa and submit an annual report to Congress ; and
- (r) To exercise such other acts as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 7. *Secretary-General* – A Secretary-General shall be appointed by the Board from among the Members of the Board representing the DepEd. The Secretary-General shall recommend to the Board the constitution of the Secretariat and all the activities undertaken by the latter requiring the utilization of funds. The Secretariat, which shall come from the existing personnel of the DepEd, PSC and DILG, shall manage the conduct of the Palarong Pambansa and other activities leading to the Palarong Pambansa.

Sec. 8. *Regional Athletics Associations*– The DepEd Regional Offices shall organize the Regional Athletic Associations (RAAs) which shall supervise the conduct of the regional meets and organize their respective regional delegations to the Palarong Pambansa.

ARTICLE III HOSTING OF PALARONG PAMBANSA

1 (b) Schools whose students are participating in the Palarong
2 Pambansa – The Board shall provide incentives to schools that will field
3 students/athletes to represent their respective regions in the Palarong
4 Pambansa. Incentives shall include, but not be limited to, financial support
5 for additional scholarships and improvement of sports and physical
6 education programs.

7 SEC. 12. *Promotion of Palarong Pambansa* – The Board shall create the
8 Palarong Pambansa Communications Task Force which shall perform the
9 following duties and responsibilities :

10 (a) Formulation of marketing and communications plan to ensure the
11 promotion of the Palarong Pambansa, encourage LGUs to bid in the
12 hosting of the event and schools to improve their sports and
13 physical education programs with the aim of sending representative
14 athletes to the Palarong Pambansa;

15 (b) Ensure the coverage of the Palarong Pambansa by both the national
16 and local media;

17 (c) Enter into sponsorship, merchandising and royalty agreements with
18 private entities as additional source of funds for the Palarong
19 Pambansa;

20 The Task Force shall be composed of representatives from the following
21 government agencies:

22 (a) Department of Education (DepEd)

23 (b) Philippine Information Agency (PIA)

1 (c) Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)

2 (d) DepEd Regional Offices

3 ARTICLE V
4 ELIGIBILITY AND ACCREDITATION

5 Sec. 13. *The National Screening and Accreditation Committee*– The
6 Board shall constitute the National Screening and Accreditation Committee
7 (NSAC) that will evaluate and verify the authenticity of the documents
8 submitted by the athletes, coaches and chaperones applying for
9 accreditation. The NSAC shall accredit qualified athletes, coaches and
10 chaperones and shall submit a masterlist to the Board at least two
11 (2)months before the Palarong Pambansa.

12 Sec. 14. *Composition of the NSAC* – The NSAC shall be composed of the
13 following:

14 (a) Representative from the DepEd Legal Division

15 (b) Two (2) government physicians

16 (c) Two (2) government dentists

17 (d) Authorized representative from each RAA

18 SEC. 15. *Protests on Eligibility and Appeals on Disqualification* – The
19 Board shall issue guidelines on the process of addressing protests and
20 appeals on its decisions concerning the eligibility or disqualification of
21 athletes, coaches and chaperones: *Provided, That*, all protests and appeals
22 must be resolved with finality within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof.

23 ARTICLE VI
24 SPORTS EVENTS AND STANDARDS
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SEC. 16. *Sports Events* – The official sports events in the Palarong

Pambansa shall include, but not be limited to the following:

(a) Elementary Division

- (1) Athletics
- (2) Badminton
- (3) Baseball
- (4) Basketball
- (5) Chess
- (6) Football
- (7) Gymnastics
- (8) Sepak Takraw
- (9) Softball
- (10) Swimming
- (11) Table Tennis
- (12) Taekwondo
- (13) Tennis
- (14) Volleyball
- (15) Arnis

(b) Secondary Division

- (1) Archery

1	(2)	Arnis
2	(3)	Athletics
3	(4)	Badminton
4	(5)	Baseball
5	(6)	Basketball
6	(7)	Boxing
7	(8)	Chess
8	(9)	Football
9	(10)	Gymnastics
10	(11)	Sepak Takraw
11	(12)	Softball
12	(13)	Swimming
13	(14)	Table Tennis
14	(15)	Taekwondo
15	(16)	Tennis
16	(17)	Volleyball

17 *Provided*, That, appropriate sports events shall be organized for students with
18 disability.

19 SEC. 17. *Regulations and Standards* – The Board shall conduct a
20 review of the current rules and regulations and an inventory of existing

1 sports facilities, venues and equipments being used in the Palarong
2 Pambansa. All sports events must be played according to international rules
3 and regulations and the sports venues, facilities and equipment to be used
4 shall be in accordance with international standards. The Board shall consult
5 the National Sports Associations (NSAs) in the review of the rules and
6 regulations of each sports event.

7 ARTICLE VII
8 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
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10 Sec. 18. *Philippine Sports Commission* - To ensure the success of the
11 Palarong Pambansa, the PSC shall perform the following duties and
12 functions:

- 13 1. The PSC shall make available its manpower and technical
14 resources, and facilities for the Palarong Pambansa and other
15 school sports and physical education programs of the DepED;
16 and
- 17 2. The PSC, in coordination with DepED, shall formulate and
18 implement a training program for outstanding athletes of the
19 Palarong Pambansa to ensure the continuity of their athletic
20 development and education.

21 Sec. 19. *Department of the Interior and Local Government* – The DILG
22 shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- 23 1. To direct the Philippine National Police to prepare and implement
24 a comprehensive security plan for the LGU where the Palarong
25 Pambansa shall be held;

1 included under the budget of the DepEd in the annual General
2 Appropriations Act.

3 *Sec. 22. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days
4 after the approval of this Act, the DepEd, together with the concerned
5 agencies, shall prepare and promulgate the implementing rules and
6 regulations (IRR) to carry out the provisions of this Act. The IRR shall take
7 effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a major daily newspaper of
8 general circulation.

9 *Sec. 23. Repealing Clause* – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
10 particularly Executive Order No. 81 as amended by Executive Order No. 433,
11 presidential issuances and other administrative rules and regulations or
12 parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
13 amended or modified accordingly.

14 *Sec. 24. Separability Clause* – If any provision of this Act is declared
15 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected
16 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

17 *Sec. 25. Effectivity Clause* – The implementation of this Act shall take
18 effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general
19 circulation.

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21 Approved,

FACT SHEET

Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 3164

(Approved by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development)

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF THE PALARONG PAMBANSA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by: (REPRESENTATIVES ALFREDO "ALBEE" B. BENITEZ, MARK AERON H. SAMBAR, EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO, RENATO J. UNICO, JR., MARK A. VILLAR, SETH FREDERICK P. JALOSJOS, EMMELINE Y. AGLIPAY, MONIQUE YAZMIN Q. LAGDAMEO, RAYMOND V. PALATINO, LUCY T. GOMEZ, EDWIN DL. OLIVAREZ, MARK LLANDRO L. MENDOZA, ROBERTO V. PUNO, RANDOLPH S. TING, SIGFRIDO R. TINGA, JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO, ARNEL U. TY, FATIMA ALIAH Q. DIMAPORO, PEDRO B. ACHARON, JR., ROGER GAVIOLA MERCADO, GABRIEL LUIS R. QUISUMBING, RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ, DANILO E. SUAREZ AND BERNADETTE RAMIREZ HERRERA-DY)

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT (Primary)
Committee Chairperson: REP. RENATO UNICO JR.*

OBJECTIVES:

- To improve the Department of Education's (DepEd) national school sports program; and
- To encourage the local government units (LGUs) to take a pivotal role in the promotion of the Palarong Pambansa.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Institutionalizes the "Palarong Pambansa" as the premier national sporting event of the country;
- Creates the "Palaro Board" which shall be attached under the DepEd as the policy and coordinating body for the conduct of the Palaro;
- Mandates the DepEd Secretary, four DepEd Undersecretaries, three DepEd Assistant Secretaries, Chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), President of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), and Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) as members of the Board;
- Organizes the Regional Athletic Associations which shall supervise the conduct of the regional meets in their respective jurisdictions;
- Prescribes guidelines for the hosting of the Palarong Pambansa;

- Sets criteria for the selection of the Palarong Pambansa host LGU;
- Provides incentives for host LGUS and participating schools;
- Creates the Communication Task Force and its members to promote the Palarong Pambansa;
- Constitutes the National Screening and Accreditation Committee and its members that shall evaluate, verify and authenticate the documents submitted by the athletes, coaches and chaperones;
- Prescribes guidelines on protests and appeals on disqualification;
- Enumerates the sports events that shall be included in the Palaro;
- Defines the duties and responsibilities of the PSC, POC and DILG; and
- Provides the amount of not less than P200 million for the host LGU.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 6847 otherwise known as "An Act Creating the Philippine Sports Commission)
- Philippine 1987 Constitution (Article XIV, Section 19)
- Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as "The Local Government Code of 1991"