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House Bill No. **1558**



**AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Introduced by Representative Felix William B. Fuentebella

EXPLANATORY NOTE

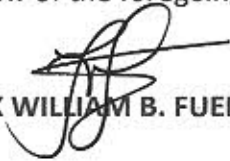
Since the Philippines first joined the Olympics in 1924, it has only managed to win a total of 9 medals—2 silver and 7 bronze. Its most successful stint came way back in the 1932 Los Angeles Summer Olympics where the Philippines won 3 bronze medals. This was the first and by far, the last time that the Philippines bagged in multiple medals in the Olympic Games. The Philippines last won a medal (a silver) 14 years ago during the 1996 Atlanta Olympics when boxer Mansueto “Onyok” Velasco lost a controversial gold medal match. Unfortunately, after more than 20 Olympic Games in a span of 86 years, the Philippines has yet to win an Olympic gold medal.

With this bit of Philippine sports history in mind, one of the basic strategies for sports development to enable our country to become competitive in international competitions is to have a two-pronged approach to talent/player development.

The creation of a Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS) is an institutional approach that looks at grass roots development on the one hand and elite training on the other hand. The PHSS aims to address both aspects of this two-pronged approach with the goal of developing world class athletes who will represent the country in international tournaments and encouraging the Filipino youth to aspire to excel in a sports and in education. The PHSS is founded on the basic philosophy of education that sports and physical development is a basic element in the education and formation of the youth, especially on the level or stage of basic education.

More importantly, the PHSS will enable a focused public-private partnership in the general development of sports that will harness of the best young Filipino athletes from all corners of the Philippine archipelago.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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HOUSE BILL No. _____

Introduced by: HON. FELIX WILLIM B. FUENTEBELLA

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE 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. *Short Title.* – There is hereby established a high school to be known as the “Philippine High School for Sports Act (PHSS) Act of 2011”.

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

SEC. 3. *Scope and Purpose.* - The PHSS shall offer, on a scholarship basis, a secondary course with special emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports development, thereby enabling the students to gain their secondary education while ensuring opportunities for their participation in sports competitions.

SEC. 4. *Board of Trustees, Composition, Compensation and Term of Office.* – The exercise of the powers of the PHSS is hereby vested in a Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

The Board shall be composed of the following:

- (a) The Secretary of the Department of Education, who shall be the *ex-officio* Chairperson of the Board;

- (b) The Executive Director of the PHSS, who shall be the *ex-officio* Vice-Chairperson;
- (c) Three (3) representatives from accredited sports associations or societies or the private sector, to be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines;
- (d) One (1) representative from the Senate, to be designated by the Senate President;
- (e) One (1) representative from the House of Representatives, to be designated by the Speaker;

The Secretary of the Department of Education, in his absence, shall designate any of his Undersecretaries to serve as Acting Chairperson.

All the members of the Board who are not receiving regular compensation from the government shall be entitled to per diem for every meeting called by the Board at rates approved by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

The members of the Board coming for the accredited sports associations or societies or the private sector shall serve for eight (8) years covering two (2) Olympic Games without reappointment. The first batch of the members of the Board shall end their term after the second Olympic Games.

SEC. 5. Powers of the Board. – The Board shall exercise for the PHSS the following powers and duties:

- (a) Formulate a National Plan of Action for the implementation of this Act
- (b) Formulate policies on appointment, promotion, retention, removal, renewal, rewards and incentives for administration, faculty and staff;
- (c) Determine the site of the PHSS, including the regional sites for later expansion;
- (d) Approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the Executive Director in connection with, but not limited to, the employment of teaching and non-teaching personnel of the PHSS, subject to the rules and regulations of the provisions of this Act;
- (e) Fix compensation and other conditions of employment in accordance with the Salary Standardization Law;
- (f) Review and approve contracts entered into under Republic Act No. 8525 otherwise known as the Adopt-a-School Act of 1998;
- (g) Approve the curricula, course of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the Executive Council as provided for under Section 8 of this Act;
- (h) Approve the grant of scholarship, stipend and such allowances for students;
- (i) Approve the budget and appropriate sums as may be provided by law for the support of the PHSS;
- (j) Provide fellowship grants for faculty members;

- (k) Approve the issuance of certificates of diplomas to successful candidates for graduation.
- (l) Prescribe for the administration of the PHSS such general rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purpose of the PHSS, as defined in Section 3;
- (m) Receive in trusts, legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property and administer these for the benefit of the PHSS or as an aid to any of its students;
- (n) Establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students which shall include, among others, examinations, national competitive screenings and tryouts;
- (o) Purchase, receive, take or hold such real and personal property as the transaction of the lawful business of this institution may reasonably and necessarily require, subject to the limitations prescribed by law and the Constitution;
- (p) Recommend to the President of the Republic of the Philippines nominees for the position of Executive Director of the PHSS; and
- (q) Exercise such other powers as may be essential or necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 6. School Head. – The head of the school shall be the Executive Director of the PHSS, who shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines to a fixed term of eight (8) years commencing from his assumption into office. The Executive Director shall not be removed therefrom except for cause. In addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, the functions, powers and duties of the Executive Director shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the principal of a public high school.

SEC. 7. Meeting and Quorum – A quorum of the Board shall hold regular monthly meetings and special meetings as may be necessary. A quorum shall consist of a majority of all members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called.

SEC. 8. The Executive Council – There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the Executive Director, the heads of departments and such other ranking faculty members or officials of the PHSS as may be determined by the Executive Director. The Executive Council shall have the power to screen and select the students to be admitted to the PHSS; to select students who shall be recipients of scholarship, stipends and other allowances, including those who shall benefit from R.A. No. 8525; and to develop a curricula, course of study, training and rules of discipline, all subject to the approval of the Board. The selection of students and scholars shall be equitably distributed to all districts in the country. The Executive Council shall have the exclusive power to recommend students eligible for graduation. The Executive Council shall exercise disciplinary power over the students through the Executive Director.

The Executive Council shall implement and execute the policies laid down by the Board and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

SEC. 9. School Registrar. – There shall be a Registrar of the PHSS who shall also act as Secretary of the Board to be appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board, unless the Board appoints another who shall act as Secretary of the Board. The Registrar shall keep such records as may be prescribed by the Board.

SEC. 10. School Treasurer. – There shall be a Treasurer of the PHSS who shall be appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board. All accounts and expenses shall be subject to appropriate auditing rules and procedures set forth by the Commission on Audit or its duly authorized representative.

SEC. 11. Philippine High School for Sports Fund. – All trusts, legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property to the PHSS shall constitute a special fund to be known as the Philippine High School for Sports Fund (PHSS Fund). The Fund shall be expended by the Board exclusively to achieve the purposes of this Act: Provided, That no amount shall be for the payment of additional salaries or allowances of PHSS personnel.

SEC. 12. Detail of Properties and Employees. – Heads of bureaus or offices of the national government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the Executive Director of the PHSS, such apparatus, supplies and other properties as may be needed by the high school, and to detail employees for duty therein, when in the judgment of the head of the bureau or office, they can be spared without serious detriment to public service. Employees shall be counted as part of their regular official hours, all laws, rules and regulations limiting the detail of government employees notwithstanding.

SEC. 13. Accomplishment Report. – The Board shall submit to the President of the Republic of the Philippines and the Congress of the Philippines annual accomplishment report, setting forth the progress, condition and needs of the high school including its financial statements on or before the fifteenth (15th) of June each year.

SEC. 14. Appropriations. – To carry out the purposes of this Act, the amount hereunder specified shall be appropriated from the following sources:

- (a) Fifty million pesos (P50,000,000.00) to form the seed capital shall be taken from the annual earnings of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) fund; and
- (b) Ten percent (10%) of all unclaimed and forfeited sweepstakes and lotto prizes but not less Twelve million pesos (P12,000,000.00) per year for four (4) years from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO).

The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operation of the PHSS, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act: *Provided, however,* That any unexpended balance thereof shall also form part of the PHSS Fund.

SEC. 15. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Board shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 16. *Separability Clause.* – If for any reason, any portion or provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 17. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 18. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (150 days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,