



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. **2913**

Introduced by:
REP. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
1ST District, Surigao del Norte (*Siargao Island*)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of a sports high school in the Municipality of Dapa, Siargao Island, Province of Surigao del Norte to be known as Siargao Sports High School.

The Constitution explicitly provides that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

Recent advancement in the field of education and psychology is the development of teaching strategies that promote *multiple intelligence* based on the theory by Dr. Howard Gardner, a psychologist and neuroscience professor from the Harvard University. One of the eight intelligences identified is *Bodily-kinesthetic Intelligence* which refers to the ability to use one's own body or parts of a body to solve a problem and as a medium of expression¹. Individuals possessing this intelligence are commonly referred to as "body smart". Athletes and dancers are examples of body smart individuals who have refined their bodily-kinesthetic intelligence.

Accordingly, the establishment of a sports high school in Siargao Island, aims to give special attention to "body smart" children from the nine (9) municipalities of Siargao Island and give these student-athletes an opportunity to discover and develop their athletic skills and at the same time use their *bodily-kinesthetic intelligence* to be better learners and excel in education. Many body smart children, for instance, touch their fingers as they count, thus

¹ Education.com: <http://www.education.com/reference/article/eight-intelligences/>

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using their own teaching strategy for learning the sequence of numbers². This is one example of the combination of *bodily-kinesthetic intelligence* with other intelligence such as *logical-mathematical intelligence*. With the establishment of a Sports High School, a special curriculum and teaching strategies will be applied to promote learning in the said intelligence.

If students who excel in science are given special attention when we establish science high schools, it is therefore but apt and just that students who excel in sports are also given the venue to develop their abilities, excel in athletic competitions, and maximize their potentials in order to qualify in the professional leagues in the future.

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



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1 **AN ACT**
2 **ESTABLISHING A SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA,**
3 **SIARGAO ISLAND, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS**
4 **SIARGAO SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**
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6 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
7 *Congress assembled:*
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9 *SECTION 1. Establishment of a Sports High School. – There shall be*
10 *established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a sports high*
11 *school in the Municipality of Dapa, Siargao Island, Province of Surigao del Norte*
12 *to be known as Siargao Sports High School.*
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14 *SECTION 2. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately*
15 *include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Siargao Sports*
16 *High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General*
17 *Appropriations Act.*
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19 *SECTION 3. Implementation. – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules*
20 *and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.*
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22 *SECTION 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its*
23 *publication in the Official Gazette.*
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25 **Approved,**