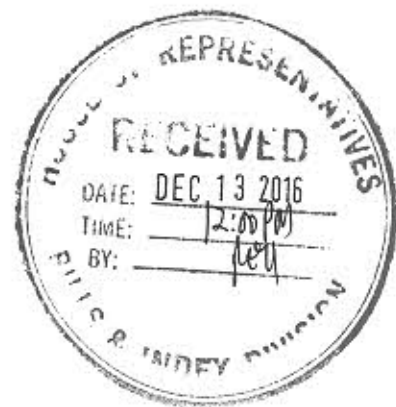


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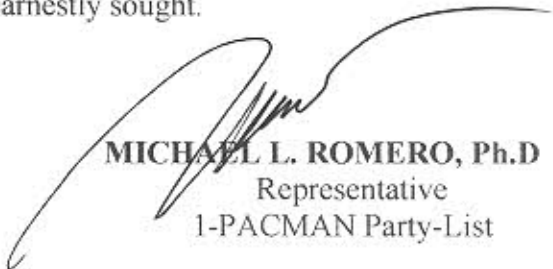
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Providing education is not merely a process of ensuring that the country's students are well-versed in theory and are mentally-ready for their future jobs and careers. We must also ensure, that the Filipino Youth that we are educating and molding must also be able-bodied and physically-fit to assume their future roles as responsible citizens and leaders of the Philippine Republic. After all, our old adage is *mens sana in corpore sano* – a sound mind in a sound body.

Sports and physical fitness are sometimes part of the educational experience of the Filipino student, but is really given minor importance by schools. In the approach of schools nowadays, Sports and Physical Fitness appear as a 'side-dish' in their educational approach. Known only to Scientists, Athletes, & Sports buffs, regular participation in sports or in any physical exercise helps reduce daily stress, keeps us in shape, promotes socialization and camaraderie, gives us self-discipline & self-confidence, allows us to achieve our best physical and mental state, creates a healthy-living mantra for our students, and helps prevent the youth from indulging in bad habits that weaken or destroy our bodies including the use of illegal drugs.

His Excellency, President Rodrigo Duterte has declared an all-out war against the proliferation of illegal drugs in our country. Law-enforcement units are operating daily to catch drug pushers and drug addicts in Philippine Society. It will therefore be a big boost for our war against illegal drugs if we will be actively fighting it through the proper education and training of the Filipino Youth in Sports and Healthy-Living so as to prevent them from indulging in substance abuse and to help them become physically & mentally-superior citizens of our nation.

For these reasons, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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MANDATING TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS TO CREATE DIVERSE SPORTS PROGRAMS, TO ESTABLISH SPORTS CLUBS, TO INITIATE SPORTING EVENTS EVERY ACADEMIC TERM, AND TO REQUIRE TERTIARY EDUCATION STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN AT LEAST ONE SPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. *Short Title* – This Act shall be known as the “Sports Education Act of 2017.”

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy* – It is hereby declared that the State recognizes the role of physical fitness in rearing a citizenry which is healthy both in mind and in body. Its citizens must further be trained to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and sportsmanship. As institutions of higher learning, colleges and universities are in a prime position to provide the best possible sports programs, physical fitness training, and healthy-living lessons to its students.

Section 3. *Creation of Diverse Sports Programs* – All public and private colleges and universities are hereby mandated to ensure the availability of at least thirty (30) quality sports programs in their institution every term. These institutions shall select such sports from a list to be provided by the Philippine Sports Commission.

Section 4. *Establishment of Sports Clubs* – All public and private colleges and universities shall – in accordance with their own rules and regulations on the creation of clubs and organizations – establish extra-curricular clubs and organizations relevant to the sports programs available in their institutions.

Section 5. *Initiation of Sports Events* – All public and private colleges and universities shall foster physical fitness and sportsmanship by establishing sports events whereby their students can exhibit their craft and excellence in sports every term.

Section 6. *Role of Students* – All tertiary education students are mandated to engage in at least one (1) of the sports programs offered by the institution they are enrolled in every term.

Notwithstanding Section 4 of this Act, however, this provision shall not be construed as a means to compel students to join any of the sports organizations organized by their institution.

Section 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – The Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with the Philippine Sports Commission, the Department of Health, and other stakeholders, shall have responsibility over the formulation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Act.

Section 8. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 9. *Separability Clause* – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act, or any portion thereof, or the application of such section, provision, or portion to any person, group, or circumstance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or the application of such section, provision, or portion thereof to other persons, groups, or circumstances shall not be affected by such declaration.

Section 10. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in three (3) newspapers of general circulation. Its implementation shall commence in the Academic Year of 2017-2018.

Approved,