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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 6159**

**INTRODUCED BY REP. ISAGANI S. AMATONG**  
3rd District, Zamboanga del Norte



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Paragraph 1, Section 19 of Article XI of the 1987 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 self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry."

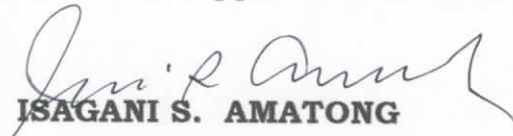
The establishment of Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy in Panganuran, Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte is a grassroot sports development program among the young athletes who have the potential to excel but remain untapped due to inadequate sports facilities, equipment, training programs and coaches who will develop their skills and talents.

Not only that these young generations will be given ample exposure and the opportunity to participate in local, national and competitions, their diversion into sports will spare them from delinquencies and vices.

The Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy will design and adapt suitable sports regimen and training programs that will promote not only physical and mental fitness but instill self-discipline as well.

The Academy is envisioned to breed athletes of national if not of global standards.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING THE ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE SPORTS ACADEMY AND**  
**TRAINING CENTER IN BARANGAY PANGANURAN, MUNICIPALITY OF**  
**GUTALAC, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND ALLOCATING**  
**FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established in Barangay Panganuran, Municipality of Gutalac in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, a Sports Academy and Training Center, which shall be constituted as the primary sports development and training center in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District of the province of Zamboanga del Norte and of the neighboring municipalities.

**SECTION 2.** The Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte and the Municipal Government of Gutalac, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing school grounds with an area of forty eight hectares, facilities, equipment and personnel; and integrate them into the newly created Sports Academy and Training Center.

The Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte and the Municipal Government of Gutalac, in coordination with the PSC shall create the necessary training programs and competitions, as well as the system by which

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the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purpose of this Act.

**SECTION 3.** The construction, establishment and operation of the Zamboanga del Norte Sports Academy and Training Center shall be funded by the Provincial and Municipal Governments of Gutalac, Zamboanga del Norte, by other funds that may be available for allocation by the District Representative, and such funds as may be granted by the PSC or by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and endowments may be obtained from local and foreign sources intended for sports development.

**SECTION 4.** Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operation of Gutalac Sports Academy and Training Center. The funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 5.** Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). – The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), and the Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

**SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED: