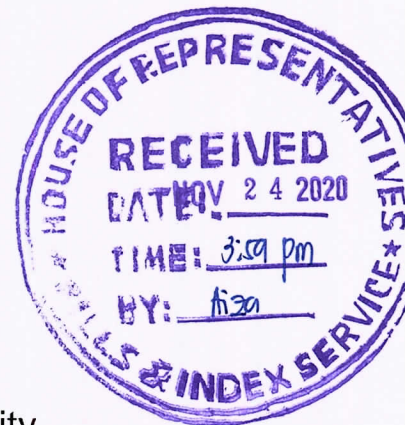




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House Bill No. 8068

Introduced by **ALFEL M. BASCUG**, Representative,
1ST Legislative District of Agusan del Sur.

**“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AGUSAN DEL SUR SPORTS
ACADEMY IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, MUNICIPALITY OF
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Explanatory Note

It is indeed mandated under the Philippine Constitution as a policy of the State to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. Further, the same fundamental law of the land 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”.

To give life to this constitutional policy, this representation seeks to establish through this initiative, the Agusan del Sur Sports Academy which will serve as the primary sports development and training center for the

entire province of Agusan del Sur and neighboring provinces. The establishment of such sports academy is envisioned to promote athleticism among the youth sector in the province.

Over the years, the Province of Agusan del Sur has been recognized to have remarkable performance in athletic competitions in the Caraga Region and in the National level competitions. In fact, the Province of Agusan del Sur has a breeding ground for future athletes through the establishment of the D. O. Plaza Sports Complex which is strategically located at the heart of the Government Center of the province. Through this, the province of Agusan del Sur has always been capable of hosting regional and division sports events which indeed is a proof of the province's heart and passion for sports. Presently, the D. O. Plaza Sports Complex is under renovation to provide an enhanced arena for sports development.

To us Agusanons, the establishment of Agusan del Sur Academy is a fulfillment of the Agusanon dream, especially among young aspiring athletes who have exhibited the potential and dedication to sports but yet remained underdeveloped due to lack of training, techniques, programs and sports facilities. The establishment of the academy will in turn open the gates of opportunities among Agusanon athletes who wished to be discovered in the vast arena of Philippine athletic competitions in the country.

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


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

SECTION 1. This bill shall be known as the “Agusan del Sur Sports
Academy Act”

SECTION 2. There shall be established in the Government Center,
Municipality of Prosperidad, Province of Agusan del Sur a sports academy
to be known as the “Agusan del Sur Sports Academy”, which shall be the
primary sports development and training center for the whole province of
Agusan del Sur and neighboring provinces thereat.

SECTION 3. The Province of Agusan del Sur shall coordinate with
the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) which is the head agency of the
National Sports Academy created by virtue of Republic Act 11470, shall

take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them into the newly created sports academy and training center in the Province of Agusan del Sur. Moreover, the Agusan del Sur Sports Academy shall, in proper procedure and process, be attached or integrated with the National Sports Academy as the Philippine Sports Commission and other agencies concerned may allow.

The Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur in coordination with the PSC shall create the necessary training programs and competitions as well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. The construction, establishment and operation of the Agusan del Sur Sports Academy shall be funded by the Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur 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 or foreign sources intended for sports development.

SECTION 5. The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), the Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur, the Municipal Government of Prosperidad, and other concerned stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within 90 days after its enactment into law.

SECTION 6. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operation of the Agusan del Sur Sports Academy, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 7. Effectivity –This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,