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HOUSE BILL NO. 7119

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO PAOLO P. ORTEGA V**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill seeks to establish the La Union Provincial Sports High School to provide an opportunity for our young people whose passion and talents are in sports to develop and hone their skills through an academic and technical-guided program. The La Union Provincial Sports High School will be a specialized public high school which will cater to the specific needs of young people inclined to sports through a sports-focused curriculum within a general academic program.

The establishment of the La Union Provincial Sports High School is in conjunction with the approval of the National Academy of Sports System through Republic Act 11470 aimed to “develop the athletic skills and talents of students in world-class sports facilities which are at par with international standards” to elevate the level of sports consciousness among the youth by providing them a venue for sports development.

In sporting history, the Province of La Union has yet to produce an Olympian but there is a vast base of young sports enthusiasts that can be developed into world-class sports competitors. There were home-grown athletes who have successfully competed in international and national sporting events such as in athletics, karatedo, cycling, boxing, surfing and basketball.

The establishment of the La Union Provincial Sports High School will be a first in the Ilocos Region and is strategically located given that the province is at the center of the region, with the City of San Fernando, La Union as the regional administrative capital. As such, the school can cater to the needs not only of the province but all deserving students from the nearby provinces of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur and Pangasinan and across the country as well.

The foregoing considered, I hereby request for the approval of this bill.


HON. FRANCISCO PAOLO P. ORTEGA V
Representative, 1st District of La Union



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AN ACT
AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LA UNION PROVINCIAL SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SEC. 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as the “*La Union Provincial Sports High School Act.*”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to 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. Towards this end, the State shall provide appropriate sports training and academic preparation to encourage young Filipinos whose interest is in sports and hone their athletic talents and skills, and promote the development of young athletes nationwide. It is necessary, therefore, for the State to establish, maintain, and support a comprehensive and integrated system of education and training to advance the athletic talents among the youth.

SEC. 3. Establishment of the La Union Provincial Sports High School. – The La Union Provincial Sports High School is hereby established, a specialized public high school that shall offer sports-focused education, herein referred to as School.

The School shall be administered and supervised by the Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), for policy and program formulation and implementation, and technical assistance.

SEC. 4. Mandate. – The School shall offer a secondary education, as prescribed by the “Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013”, whose curriculum shall have significant emphasis on developing the athletic skills of students with subjects pertaining to physical education and sports.

SEC. 5. *Powers and Functions.* – The La Union Provincial Sports High School shall be vested with the following powers and functions:

- a) Formulate and implement policies, plans, and programs that shall promote the development and harness the potential of high school students;
- b) Provide an integrated framework to optimize the potential of its students;
- c) Establish sports program and facilities that shall be accessible to students;
- d) Promote strategic partnerships and alliances between and among local and international sports organizations and educational training institutions to enhance the competitiveness of students and personnel;
- e) Develop plans and programs that shall enhance the career advancement opportunities of school personnel;
- f) Establish guidelines for public-private partnerships in the implementation of sports programs of the school; and
- g) Perform such other functions as may be required to implement the objectives of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern.* – The organization structure and staffing pattern of the School shall be prescribed by the DepEd subject to the approval of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

SEC. 7. *Development Plan and Programs.* – Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, and the approval of its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the School is expected to perform the following:

- a) Submit a five-year development plan, including its corresponding budgetary program to the DepEd for endorsement to the DBM; and
- b) Set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure subject to compliance to the qualification standards set by the DepEd.

SEC 8. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the DepEd in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the DepEd, in coordination with the PSC and concerned local governments in the Province of La Union, promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.