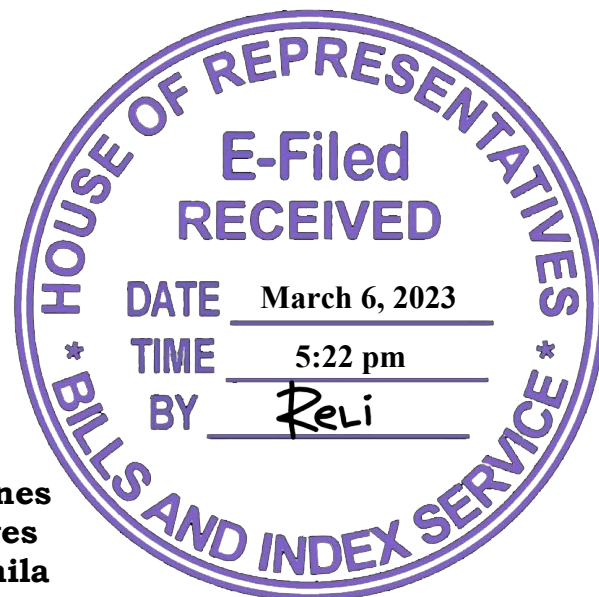




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill promotes physical education and encourages sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for developing a healthy and alert citizenry. Among other salient parts, this measure seeks to appropriate funds to upgrade sports facilities and extend financial assistance through sports vouchers to those who choose to participate in a sports club, recreation club, or sports organization of their choice.

To this end, among other salient provisions, this measure establishes three funds that the Philippine Sports Commission shall manage: the Get Started, Get Going, and Get Playing Funds. Eligible young athletes can avail of the vouchers that this measure puts in place.

Hence, this representation seeks the passage of this measure.

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**AN ACT
STRENGTHENING LOCAL SPORTS PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP YOUNG
ATHLETES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** – Article XIV, Section 19 (1) of the
2 Constitution provides that the State shall promote physical education and
3 encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including
4 training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and
5 excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

6 Pursuant to the aforementioned policy, the State shall appropriate funds
7 for the upgrade of sports facilities and extend financial assistance in the form of
8 sports vouchers to mitigate the cost of participation in a sports club, recreation
9 club, or sports organization of their choice: *Provided*, That the sports club,
10 recreation club, or sports organization is duly accredited by the Philippine Sports
11 Commission (PSC).

12 **SEC. 2. Program Funds.** – To further promote sports and its benefits
13 among the youth, the PSC shall allocate adequate resources to financially
14 support the affiliation of young athletes in local sports club, recreation club, or
15 sports organizations which facilities and activities can provide them the proper
16 venue and opportunities for training and competition. For this purpose, the PSC
17 shall manage and administer three (3) separate funds, as follows:
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19 **a) Get Started Fund.** – The fund shall be used to assist young athletes,

1 including those with disabilities as well as athletes who cannot
2 afford to join any local sports club, recreation club, or sports
3 organization by reason of financial constraints. Young athletes shall
4 be provided with a discount voucher of up to Three thousand pesos
5 (P3,000.00) annually to help pay for their registration, membership,
6 participation, and training fees. The vouchers can be redeemed at a
7 sports club, recreation club, or sports organization registered with
8 the program;

9 **b) Get Going Fund.** – The fund shall be used to support local sports
10 clubs, recreation clubs, and sports organizations with funding of up
11 to Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) annually for projects and
12 programs that provide opportunities for more young athletes to
13 become involved in sports; and

14 **c) Get Playing Fund.** – The fund shall provide up to Five hundred
15 thousand pesos (P500,000.00) annually in order to assist local
16 sports clubs, recreation clubs, and sports organizations in
17 improving sports facilities and encourage more young athletes to
18 become actively involved in the sports activity of their choice.

19 **SEC. 3. Eligibility Criteria.** – To avail of the sports voucher, the young
20 athlete must be:

- 21 a. Under the age of eighteen (18) and is actively engaged in any sports;
- 22 b. A member of any recognized or duly accredited local sports club,
23 recreation club, or sports organization; and
- 24 c. A resident in the locality where the sports club, recreation club, or
25 sports organization is located.

26 **SEC. 4. Conditions for the Use of the Voucher.** – The use of the sports
27 voucher shall be governed by the following conditions:

- 28 a. It shall not be redeemable for cash;
- 29 b. It is non-transferable to any person except to another local sports
30 club, recreation club, or sports organization;
- 31 c. It is transferable to another local sports club, recreation club, or
32 sports organization only once a year: *Provided*, That the transfer is
33 applied for prior to the actual use and enjoyment of the sports
34 facilities;
- 35 d. It cannot be reused once redeemed by the local sports club,
36 recreation club, or sports organization; and
- 37 e. Only one (1) voucher shall be payable to an eligible athlete per
38 calendar year.

39 **SEC. 5. Appropriations.** – The initial amount necessary for the
40 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's
41 appropriations of the PSC. Thereafter, such amount shall be included in the
42 annual General Appropriations Act.

43 **SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The PSC shall, in
44 consultation with various national sports associations, promulgate the rules and
45 regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days after
46 its effectivity.

1 **SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** – If any part or provision of this Act is held
2 invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full
3 force and effect.

4 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees,
5 rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act
6 are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

7 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
8 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,