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House Bill No. **10394**



Introduced by Representative **KHYMER ADAN T. OLASO**

Sports play a crucial role in the holistic development of individuals, fostering physical fitness, mental resilience, and character building. Recognizing the importance of sports in youth development, we advocate for the establishment of a Sports Academy in Zamboanga City, Philippines. Addressing the need for comprehensive sports education, Zamboanga City boasts a rich cultural heritage and a diverse population; however, there is a gap in the provision of comprehensive sports education and training facilities.

The establishment of a Sports Academy will address this gap by providing structured programs catering to various sports disciplines. Additionally, Zamboanga City is home to many talented individuals who excel in sports; however, due to the lack of specialized training facilities and coaching expertise, many of these talents remain untapped. A Sports Academy will serve as a hub for talent identification and development, nurturing promising athletes and providing them with the resources needed to excel in their chosen fields.

Moreover, in an era marked by sedentary lifestyles and increasing rates of obesity and lifestyle-related diseases, promoting physical activity and sports participation is essential for promoting health and well-being. A Sports Academy will encourage active living among the youth of Zamboanga City, thereby promoting health and well-being in the community. Additionally, research has shown a positive correlation between sports participation and academic achievement; by integrating sports education with academic curriculum, a Sports Academy can enhance the overall academic performance of students, fostering a well-rounded educational experience.

Furthermore, a Sports Academy will foster excellence in sports by providing access to world-class training facilities, expert coaching, and specialized programs tailored to individual needs, thus elevating the level of competition and raising the profile of Zamboanga City in regional, national, and international sporting events.

Moreover, sports instill values such as discipline, teamwork, resilience, and leadership – qualities that are essential for success in all aspects of life; through structured sports programs, the Academy will nurture these qualities, empowering individuals to become responsible citizens and effective leaders in their communities. The sports industry offers a wide range of career opportunities, including coaching, sports management, sports medicine, and sports journalism, among others; by providing specialized training and education, a Sports Academy will prepare students for careers in the sports industry, contributing to economic growth and development in Zamboanga City.

Additionally, sports have the power to bring people together, transcending barriers of age, gender, ethnicity, and social background; a Sports Academy will promote social inclusion and cohesion, providing opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds to come together, interact, and forge lifelong friendships. In conclusion, the establishment of a Sports Academy in Zamboanga City is both necessary and important for the holistic development of individuals, the promotion of health and well-being, the fostering of excellence in sports, and the creation of opportunities for career development.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SPORTS ACADEMY IN ZAMBOANGA CITY TO
BE KNOWN AS ZAMBOANGA CITY SPORTS ACADEMY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Zamboanga City Academy of Sports for High School Students Act.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of the State to promote the sustained development of young Filipinos whose skills in the field of sports shall be encouraged and honed through education and specialized training programs.

To this end, the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education and training to advance the athletic talents and skills among the youth and promote the growth and development of young athletes nationwide.

SECTION 3. *Establishment.* – There is hereby established a sports academy for high school in Zamboanga City to be known as the Zamboanga City Sports Academy.

The Zamboanga City Sports Academy shall be administered by the Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the National Academy of Sports (NAS), and Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), for policy and program

formulation and implementation.

SECTION 4. *Purpose.* – The Zamboanga City Sports Academy shall offer secondary education purposely to develop the athletic skills and talents of high school students with considerable potential in sports in Zamboanga City and nearby provinces. The school curriculum shall place significant emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports.

SECTION 5. *Powers and Functions.* – The Zamboanga City Sports Academy shall exercise 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 curriculum framework in order to optimize the potential of its students;
- © Establish sports programs and school facilities;
- (d) Promote strategic partnerships and alliances with 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.

SECTION 6. *School Director.* – The Zamboanga City Sports Academy shall be headed by a School Director who shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the school.

The School Director shall be assisted by an Assistant Director for Internal Affairs and an Assistant Director for External Affairs.

SECTION 7. *Sectoral and Industry Task Forces.* – The Zamboanga City Sports Academy may create sectoral and industry task forces, technical working groups, advisory bodies or committees for the furtherance of its objectives. The members of the sectoral and industry task forces may come from the agencies of the national government, government-owned and-controlled corporations, local government units, the academe, civil society organizations, sports organizations, and sports-related industrial organizations. The manner of selection of such members shall be provided under the rules and regulations to be formulated to implement the provisions of this Act.

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

SECTION 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall, in consultation with the Executive Director of NAS, and the Chairperson of the PSC and other concerned agencies of the government, promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved