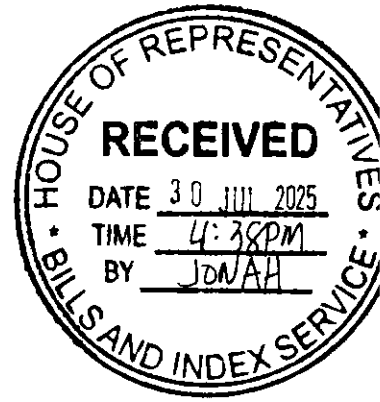


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Introduced by **Rep. FERDINAND ALEXANDER A. MARCOS**
1st District, Ilocos Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes the establishment of the Ilocos Norte Provincial Sports High School to provide young athletes with a dedicated institution where they can cultivate their talents through a specialized, sports-focused curriculum integrated within a general academic program. The proposed high school will cater to students with exceptional aptitude and passion for sports, equipping them with both academic knowledge and technical skills necessary for athletic excellence.

This initiative aligns with Republic Act No. 11470, which created the National Academy of Sports to develop the athletic abilities of Filipino students through world-class training facilities. By creating a provincial sports high school in Ilocos Norte, the government will bring this national policy closer to local implementation and promote a stronger culture of sports among the youth.

Ilocos Norte has produced a growing number of homegrown athletes who have excelled in regional and national sporting events, including athletics, arnis, taekwondo, boxing, and basketball. However, the province lacks a specialized public high school specifically designed to support and develop young sports talent. Establishing this institution will bridge that gap, giving Ilocano athletes the opportunity to pursue structured training and education, with the long-term vision of producing national and international competitors.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE ILOCOS NORTE PROVINCIAL SPORTS
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the "*Ilocos Norte Provincial Sports High School Act.*"

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the declared 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.

To this end, the State shall 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.

It shall establish, maintain, and support a comprehensive and integrated system of education and training to encourage interest in sports among the youth, hone their athletic talents and skills, and promote the development of young athletes nationwide.

SEC. 3. Establishment of the Ilocos Norte Provincial Sports High School. – There is hereby established in the City of Laoag a specialized public high school that shall offer sports-focused education, to be known as the *Ilocos Norte Provincial Sports High School*, herein referred to as the School.

The School shall be administered and supervised by the Department of Education (DepEd), in close coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the National Academy Sports (NAS).

It shall be administered and operated in accordance with the policies, guidelines, and criteria to be issued by the NAS System Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 8(a) of Republic Act No. 11470, or the "The National Academy of Sports" law.

SEC. 4. Mandate. – The School shall implement a general secondary education curriculum, as prescribed by Republic Act No. 10533, or the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013", to learners with considerable potential in the sports. The curriculum shall have significant emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the learners through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports.

SEC. 5. Organizational Structure and Staffing patters; Development Plan. – The organizational 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).

Within one hundred twenty (120) days upon the approval of the implementing rules and regulations of this Act, the School shall submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding budgetary program to the DepEd, and set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure.

SEC. 6. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Ilocos Norte Provincial Sports High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Schools Division Office of Ilocos Norte. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the School shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the DepEd, in coordination with the PSC, the NAS, and the local governments of the Province of Ilocos Norte and the City Laoag, shall promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. Such implementing rules and regulations shall provide for the School's organization, administration, operations, and management, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9155, or the "Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001", Republic Act No. 10533, Republic Act No. 11470, and other basic education-related laws.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder thereof not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, letters of instruction, proclamations, or administrative regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,