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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed "Strengthening Local Sports Programs to Develop Young Athletes Act" seeks to promote physical education and sports participation among Filipino youth, including those with disabilities, in accordance with Article XIV, Section 19 (1) of the 1987 Constitution. Recognizing the value of sports in fostering self-discipline, teamwork, and overall health, the bill establishes financial support mechanisms, such as sports vouchers, to reduce the cost barriers that prevent young athletes from joining accredited local sports clubs, recreation clubs, associations, and organizations.

By providing both direct financial support to young athletes and institutional support to sports organizations, the bill aims to strengthen grassroots sports development, encourage youth engagement in physical activities, and enhance access to quality sports facilities nationwide. Through these measures, the bill fosters the holistic development of young athletes, supports inclusion in sports programs, and nurtures the next generation of Filipino sports talent.

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

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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:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – Article XIV, Section 19 (1) of the Constitution 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.

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

SEC. 2. Program Funds. – To further promote sports and its benefits among the youth, the PSC shall allocate adequate resources to financially support the affiliation of young athletes, including those with disabilities, who cannot afford to join any local sports club, recreation club, sports association or organization by reason of financial

constraints. For this purpose, the PSC shall manage and administer three (3) separate funds, as follows:

(a) **Get Started Fund.** – The fund shall be used to assist young athletes, including those with disabilities, with a discount voucher of up to Three thousand pesos (P3,000.00) annually to help pay for their membership, registration, participation, training, or general fees, including the of sports equipment and uniforms. The vouchers can be redeemed at any sports club, recreation club, sports association or organization that is duly accredited or recognized by the PSC and have facilities and activities which can provide the proper, well-equipped, safe, healthy, comfortable, and accessible venue, and opportunities for training and competition: Provided, That the voucher providers are registered with the program.

(b) **Get Going Fund.** – The fund shall be used to support local sports clubs, recreation clubs, sports associations, and sports organizations with funding of up to Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) annually for sustainability of existing projects and programs that promote grassroots sports development; and

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

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

(a) Under the age of eighteen (18) and is actively engaged in any sports;

(b) A member of any local sports club, recreation club, sports association, or organization duly accredited or recognized by the PSC; and

(c) A resident in the locality where the sports club, recreation club, sports association or organization is located.

1 **SEC. 4. Conditions for the Use of the Voucher.** – *The use of the sports*
2 *voucher shall be governed by the following terms and conditions:*

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4 (a) It shall not be redeemable for cash;

5 (b) It is non-transferrable to any person except to another PSC-accredited or
6 recognized local sports club, recreation club, sports association or
7 organization: *Provided*, That the transfer can be done only once a year:
8 *Provided, further*, That the transfer must be applied prior to the actual use
9 and enjoyment of the sports facilities;

10 (c) It cannot be reused once redeemed by any PSC-accredited or recognized
11 local sports club, recreation club, sports association or organization; and

12 (d) Only one (1) voucher shall be payable to an eligible athlete per calendar
13 10 year.
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15 **SEC. 5. Sports Vouchers Providers.** – To be eligible under the program, the
16 sports club, recreation club, sports association or organization must be affiliated to a
17 National Sports Association, duly recognized by the Philippine Olympic Committee and
18 the PSC.
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20 **SEC. 6. Appropriations.** – The initial amount necessary for the implementation
21 of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the PSC.
22 Thereafter, such amount shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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24 **SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The PSC shall, in
25 consultation with various national sports associations, promulgate the rules and
26 regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days after its
27 effectivity.
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29 **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** – If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid
30 or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and
31 effect.
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1 **SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders, issuances, decrees,
2 rules and regulations inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are
3 deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

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

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8 Approved,