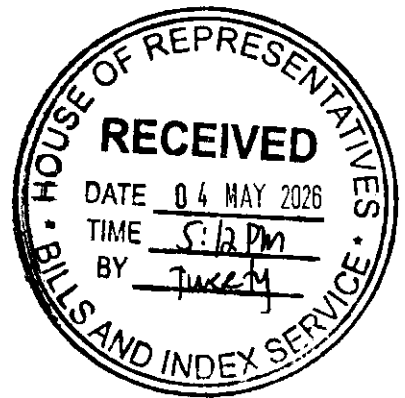




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HOUSE BILL NO. 9059



Introduced by Representative SITTIE SHAHARA "BAI DIMPLE" I. MASTURA

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN KUDARAT, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Constitution recognizes the role of sports in fostering nationalism, social transformation, and human development, which Congress saw fit to legislate the enabling law, Republic Act No. 11470, otherwise known as an "**Act Creating and Establishing the National Academy of Sports and Providing Funds Therefor**".

While RA 11470 mandates the establishment of the main campus of the National Academy of Sports (NAS) at the New Clark City, Municipality of Capas, Province of Tarlac, it also provides that satellite campuses, regional high schools for sports, and/or partnerships with locally-funded sports schools may equally be established.

RA 11460 aims to promote physical education, amateur sports, and international competition readiness by providing secondary-level students with a specialized curriculum integrating academic education and sports training.

This bill, therefore, seeks the establishment of a regional campus in the Province of Maguindanao del Norte to seek for and cater to qualified high school students who are willing to submit to a quality secondary education program integrated with a sports-focused curriculum.

A NAS campus in the Province of Maguindanao del Norte will enable us to seek, nurture, and develop world-class future Maguindanaon athletes, and attract regional interest in sports, simultaneously with a strong academic and values program that Maguindanaoan youth and our constituents will surely patronize and appreciate.

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

SITTIE SHAHARA "BAI DIMPLE" I. MASTURA

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of the Maguindanao del Norte High School for Sports. – There is hereby established a high school for sports in the Municipality of Sultan Kudarat, Province of Maguindanao del Norte, to be known as the “Maguindanao del Norte High School for Sports”, hereinafter referred to as the “School”.

The School shall be integrated into the National Academy of Sports (NAS) System and supervised by the Department of Education (DepEd), in close coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), subject to the provisions of Republic Act No. 11470.

SEC.2. Objectives. – The School shall offer a special secondary education curriculum to develop the skills of talented youth in different sports, and produce successful athletes and sports and fitness professionals. The School shall instill discipline, diligence, teamwork, excellence, and integrity in its students.

SEC. 4. Admission. – Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8 (i) of Republic Act No. 11470, no student shall be admitted unless he or she is a bona fide resident of the Province of Maguindanao del Norte.

SEC. 5. Academics-Athletics Balance. – To ensure both academic and athletic excellence of student athletes, the School shall:

1. Adopt flexible learning methods;
2. grant stipends, allowances, and other financial assistance; and
3. Provide mentoring and mental health support

SEC. 5. *School Director.* – The School shall be headed by a School Director who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the NAS System. The Board shall determine the term and compensation of the School Director, pursuant to Section 8 (d) of Republic Act No. 11470.

The School Director shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the School, and perform the functions determined by the Board. The School Director may create consultative bodies to provide guidance in the formulation of policies and activities of the School.

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* – The initial funding for the operations of the School shall be charged against the current appropriations of the DepEd. Thereafter, the amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Education, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission and other stakeholders, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.