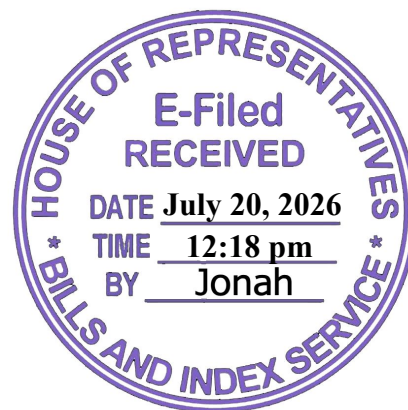


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**HOUSE BILL NO. 10112**

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Introduced by **REP. BERNADETTE "DETTE" G. ESCUDERO**

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**AN ACT**  
**ASSISTING YOUNG ATHLETES BY PROVIDING PROGRAMS AND**  
**INCENTIVES FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Sports play a vital role in shaping national identity and unity. It promotes essential personal values including discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork, perseverance, resilience, and leadership and serves as a critical tool for developing young individuals into active, character-driven citizens who contribute meaningfully to the progress and success of the nation.

According to the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), the 2025 Batang Pinoy National Championships gathered 19,000 young athletes from 188 local government units competing in 27 sports disciplines, making it the largest edition of the country's premier grassroots sports competition. Likewise, the Palarong Pambansa annually brings together more than 10,000 to 11,000 learner-athletes from all regions of the Philippines, providing young Filipinos with opportunities to compete at the highest level of school sports. These figures do not yet include thousands of youth athletes participating in local, provincial, regional, university, and private sports competitions nationwide. Collectively, these athletes comprise the Philippines' primary talent pool for future elite competitors.

Numerous Filipino Olympians, Southeast Asian Games medalists, and national champions including Hidilyn Diaz, Carlos Yulo, and Nesthy Petecio began their athletic careers in grassroots and school-based sports programs before advancing to international competitions. Their success only underscores the importance of nurturing young athletes and fostering their development in the field of sports.

But despite the proven competence of Filipino young athletes, their development is heavily hindered by severe financial constraints. Many athletes face significant challenges covering essential expenses, including specialized training, modern facilities, proper equipment, and other expenses. These systemic inefficiencies

directly limit the capacity of promising young athletes to sustain their participation, hone their skills, and reach their full potential.

To address these challenges, this bill aims to fulfill the State's constitutional mandate to promote sports development by establishing a state-funded grassroots sports program for the youth. To encourage athletic participation and develop facilities, the bill mandates the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) to administer three distinct financial initiatives: the "Get Started in Sports Fund" (providing ₱3,000 vouchers to underprivileged youth for sports club fees), the "Get Going Fund" (awarding ₱50,000 grants to local sports organizations to boost youth membership), and the "Get Playing Fund" (allotting up to ₱500,000 for local sports facility development). The entire initiative is backed by a dedicated annual allocation of ₱80,000,000.00 sourced directly from the revenues of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR).

This measure will help in boosting youth sports participation and provide a continuous financial lifeline that dismantles the barriers faced by aspiring youth athletes through an institutionalized government program.

The passage of this bill which is a counterpart measure of Senate Bill 2167 is earnestly requested.



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

1       **SECTION 1. Short Title.** This Act shall be known as the "Young Athletes  
2 Assistance Act."

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4       **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policies and Objectives.** The State is mandated to  
5 give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports in order  
6 to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total  
7 human liberation and development. Corollarily, the State shall promote physical  
8 education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports,  
9 including training for international competitions, as instruments for fostering self-  
10 discipline, teamwork, and excellence toward the development of a healthy and alert  
11 citizenry.

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13       **SEC. 3. Get Started, Get Going and Get Playing Funds.** Three (3)  
14 separate funds are hereby established for the strengthening and development of  
15 grassroots sports programs, to be administered by the Philippine Sports Commission  
16 (PSC) in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

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18       **SEC. 4. Get Started in Sports Fund.** Young athletes, which refers to any  
19 person who engages in sports and is below eighteen (18) years of age who cannot  
20 adequately afford, or who may otherwise benefit from, participation in sports or  
21 recreation clubs, shall be eligible to receive a voucher amounting to Three Thousand  
22 Pesos (P3,000.00) to help pay participation or membership fees. The vouchers may  
23 be redeemed only at sports or recreation clubs duly accredited or registered under the  
24 Athlete program, which refers to an athletic program at any educational institution,  
25 sports club, or from the local or national government, subject to the rules and  
26 guidelines to be issued by the implementing agency.  
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1       **SEC. 5. Get Going Fund.** This Fund shall provide financial assistance to local  
2 sports and recreation organizations in the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos  
3 (P50,000.00) per qualified project, for the purpose of creating and expanding  
4 opportunities for young athletes to participate in, and become members of, organized  
5 sports and recreation programs.  
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7       **SEC. 6. Get Playing Fund.** This fund shall improve sports facilities by  
8 providing up to Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) in funding to assist local  
9 sports and recreation organizations with facility development so more young athletes  
10 are encouraged to become involved in sport or recreation activity of their choice.  
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12       **SEC. 7. Funding Requirements.** The amount of Eighty Million Pesos  
13 (P80,000,000.00) shall be set aside from the revenues of the Philippine Amusement  
14 and Gaming Corporation annually to be allocated for the funding of this Act.  
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16       **SEC. 8. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is held invalid or  
17 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other  
18 provisions hereof.  
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20       **SEC. 9. Repealing Clauses.** All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or  
21 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby  
22 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.  
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24       **SEC. 10. Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
25 its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation

*Approved,*