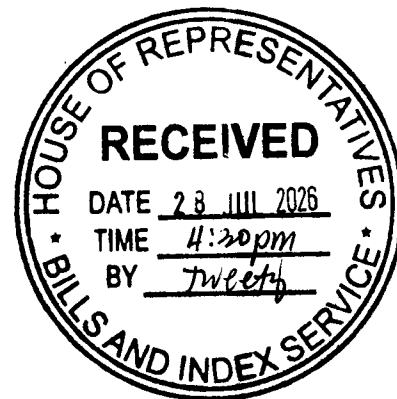




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

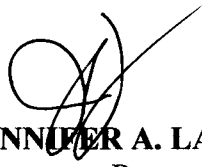
The Philippine Sports Commission's grassroots programs, such as Batang Pinoy and Sports for All, aim to engage over 20,000 grassroots athletes annually, and the PSC's Five-Year Sports Development Plan (2023–2028) explicitly seeks to expand grassroots programs to underserved communities nationwide, an objective that implicitly acknowledges that cost remains a significant barrier to youth participation in organized sports, particularly membership fees, equipment, and access to functioning facilities in lower-income communities.

Article II, Section 17 of the Constitution directs the State to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism, accelerate social progress, and promote human development, while Article XIV, Section 19(1) specifically directs the State to promote physical education and encourage sports and amateur athletic competition, including training for international competition, to build self-discipline, teamwork, and a healthy citizenry.

To address the financial barriers that keep young Filipinos, especially those from lower-income households, from joining sports and recreation programs, the bill creates three funds administered by the Philippine Sports Commission: the Get Started in Sports Fund, providing ₱3,000 vouchers to help young athletes cover club membership or participation fees; the Get Going Fund, providing ₱50,000 grants to local sports organizations for projects that grow youth membership; and the Get Playing Fund, providing up to ₱500,000 for facility development.

The program is funded by an annual ₱80,000,000 earmark from Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation revenues, a dedicated funding stream intended to insulate grassroots sports funding from having to compete against other budget priorities each year.

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



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

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the “Young Athletes Assistance Act.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policies and Objectives.* — Pursuant to the Constitution, Article II, Section 17, the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

In addition to this, Article XIV, Section 19, paragraph 1 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.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* — For purposes of this Act, the term:

(a) “Athlete program” refers to an athletic program at any educational institution, sports club, or from the local or national government; and

(b) “Young athlete” refers to any person who engages in sports and is below eighteen (18) years of age.

SEC. 4. *Get Started, Get Going and Get Playing Funds.* — Three separate funds for the strengthening of grassroots sports programs are hereby created to be administered by the Philippine Sports Commission.

SEC. 5. *Get Started in Sports Fund.* — Young athletes who cannot adequately afford, or who may otherwise benefit from, participation in sports or recreation clubs shall be eligible to receive a voucher amounting to Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) to help pay participation or membership fees. The vouchers may be redeemed only at sports or recreation clubs duly accredited or registered under the program, subject to the rules and guidelines to be issued by the implementing agency.

SEC. 6. *Get Going Fund.* — This fund supports local sports and recreation organizations with funding amounting to Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) for projects that create opportunities for more young athletes to become members.

SEC. 7. *Get Playing Fund.* — This fund improves sports facilities by providing up to Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php500,000.00) in funding to assist local sports and recreation organizations with facility development so more young athletes are encouraged to become involved in a sport or recreation activity of their choice.

SEC. 8. *Funding Requirements.* — The amount of Eighty Million Pesos (Php80,000,000.00) shall be set aside from the revenues of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation annually to be allocated for the funding of this Act.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,