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Introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez, DPA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution directs the State to promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence and to develop a healthy and alert citizenry. Local government units, as the public institutions closest to their communities, are uniquely positioned to translate this policy into sustained and accessible opportunities for participation in sports and physical activity.

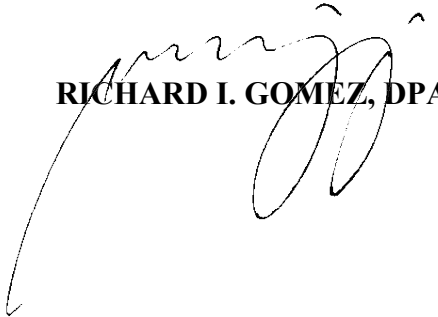
Republic Act No. 11292, otherwise known as the “Seal of Good Local Governance Act of 2019,” already recognizes the fostering of sports development under Programs for Sustainable Education. It likewise empowers the Council of Good Local Governance to develop and revise outcome-based performance indicators while taking into account that local government units are not similarly situated. The law, however, does not expressly require at least one distinct and measurable sports-development indicator among the statutory examples under this assessment area.

This measure closes that limited gap. It requires a durable, outcome-based indicator covering both school-based and community-based sports programs undertaken or supported by the local government unit, whether through the Local School Board, local sports development council, local youth development office, barangays, or other lawful local bodies. It directs the assessment to consider program continuity, participation, inclusion, qualified coaching, safe and accessible facilities, athlete health and welfare, safeguarding, sustained local support, and measurable community benefits.

The measure deliberately avoids reducing good local governance to infrastructure spending, isolated tournaments, or medal counts. Verified competitive achievements may support an assessment, but they should demonstrate the results of a functioning local sports-development system rather than serve as the sole or controlling measure. Standards must also remain proportionate to the category, population, geography, fiscal capacity, and other circumstances of each province, city, or municipality.

To integrate the reform into the existing SGLG system, the Council and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) are directed to revise the existing implementing rules, performance indicators, assessment tools, and technical notes in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and after consultation with the leagues of local government units, local sports development councils, organizations representing persons with disabilities, and recognized sports, athlete-welfare, and safeguarding stakeholders.

By making local sports development mandatory, measurable, inclusive, and durable across assessment cycles, this measure will encourage local governments to build healthier communities, widen access to sports, protect athlete welfare, and invest consistently in grassroots development. In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE BY REQUIRING
DISTINCT, MEASURABLE, INCLUSIVE, AND OUTCOME-BASED LOCAL SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT INDICATOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 7(E) OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “SEAL OF GOOD
LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2019,” AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 “SGLG Sports Development Indicator Act.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to strengthen local accountability for sustained, inclusive, safe, and outcome-based sports development; promote regular participation in sports and physical activity; protect athlete health and welfare; expand equitable access to school-based and community-based sports opportunities; and recognize local government units that maintain effective sports-development systems appropriate to their circumstances and resources.

SEC. 3. *Amendment of Section 7(e) of Republic Act No. 11292.* - Section 7(e) of Republic Act No. 11292, otherwise known as the “Seal of Good Local Governance Act of 2019,” is hereby amended by inserting, after item (5), the following paragraphs:

“(6) THE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR PROGRAMS FOR SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE (1) DISTINCT, MEASURABLE, AND

OUTCOME-BASED INDICATOR FOR LOCAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT. THE INDICATOR SHALL COVER SUSTAINED SCHOOL-BASED AND COMMUNITY-BASED SPORTS, PHYSICAL FITNESS, AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS PLANNED, IMPLEMENTED, OR SUPPORTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, WHETHER THROUGH THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, LOCAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, BARANGAYS, OR OTHER LAWFUL LOCAL BODIES.

“IN DEVELOPING AND APPLYING THE INDICATOR, THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER, AS APPROPRIATE:

- a. THE EXISTENCE, CONTINUITY, REGULARITY, AND QUALITY OF LOCAL SPORTS AND PHYSICAL-FITNESS PROGRAMS;
- b. PARTICIPATION AND RETENTION, INCLUDING EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, SENIOR CITIZENS, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES, AND OTHER UNDERSERVED SECTORS;
- c. THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED COACHES, TRAINERS, SPORTS OFFICIALS, AND APPROPRIATE CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR PERSONNEL AND VOLUNTEERS;
- d. THE SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, MAINTENANCE, AND EFFECTIVE USE OF PUBLIC SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT;
- e. MEASURES FOR ATHLETE HEALTH, WELFARE, SAFEGUARDING, INJURY PREVENTION, AND PROTECTION FROM ABUSE, HARASSMENT, EXPLOITATION, AND DISCRIMINATION;
- f. SUSTAINED LOCAL POLICIES, PLANS, BUDGETARY SUPPORT, PARTNERSHIPS, AND FUNCTIONAL COORDINATING MECHANISMS FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT;
- g. MEASURABLE COMMUNITY OUTCOMES, INCLUDING REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SOCIAL INCLUSION, LEADERSHIP, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND THE DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF ATHLETIC TALENT; AND
- h. VERIFIED COMPETITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AS SUPPORTING EVIDENCE OF PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS, WITHOUT MAKING SUCH ACHIEVEMENTS THE SOLE OR CONTROLLING BASIS OF ASSESSMENT.

“THE ASSESSMENT SHALL NOT BE BASED SOLELY ON THE NUMBER OR COST OF FACILITIES, THE SIZE OF THE LOCAL SPORTS BUDGET, THE CONDUCT OF ISOLATED EVENTS, OR MEDAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP COUNTS. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS SHALL BE PROPORTIONATE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE CATEGORY, POPULATION, GEOGRAPHY, FISCAL CAPACITY, AVAILABLE FACILITIES, AND OTHER RELEVANT CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT,

CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 5(A) OF THIS ACT. NO UNIFORM INFRASTRUCTURE, EXPENDITURE, OR MEDAL THRESHOLD SHALL BE IMPOSED WITHOUT DUE REGARD TO SUCH DIFFERENCES.”

SEC. 4. *Revision of Existing Rules and Assessment Instruments.* - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Council of Good Local Governance and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall revise the existing implementing rules and regulations, performance indicators, assessment tools, technical notes, and related issuances as may be necessary to implement Section 7(e) of Republic Act No. 11292, as amended by this Act.

The revision shall be undertaken in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and after consultation with the leagues of provinces, cities, and municipalities; local sports development councils; organizations representing persons with disabilities; and recognized sports, athlete-welfare, and safeguarding stakeholders. The consultation shall seek practical and capacity-sensitive standards for differently situated local government units.

SEC. 5. *Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building.* - Consistent with Section 13 of Republic Act No. 11292, the DILG, the DepEd, and the PSC shall provide or facilitate appropriate technical assistance and capacity-building to help local government units address identified gaps in sports programming, inclusion, athlete welfare and safeguarding, facilities management, monitoring, and outcome measurement, subject to their respective mandates and available resources.

SEC. 6. *Funding.* - The amounts necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the existing appropriations of the concerned agencies and the SGLG Operating Fund, as may be applicable. Thereafter, such amounts as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.

SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,