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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Explanatory Note

Under the Constitution, it is the policy of the State to "recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building" and to "promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social wellbeing".

The Philippines has a pool of talented youth who have great potential in the field of sports. However, due to financial constraints, these talented youth are unable to fulfill their dreams of bringing home the gold for our country.

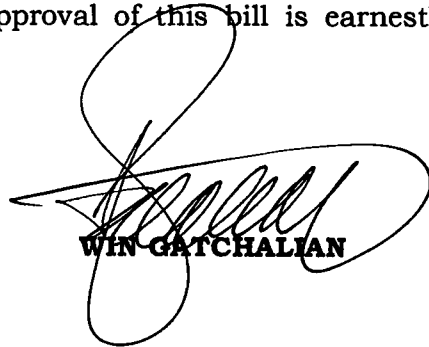
During the 28th Southeast Asian Games in Singapore, the Philippines bagged 131 medals (29 gold medals, 36 silvers, and 66 bronzes), placing sixth overall. The bulk of the country's gold medals came from athletics and boxing. Runner Eric Shauwn Cray was the lone Filipino athlete to contribute two gold medals, winning the athletics 100m and 400m hurdle races.

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Thailand	95	83	69	247
Singapore	84	73	102	259
Vietnam	73	53	60	186
Malaysia	62	58	66	186
Indonesia	47	61	74	184
Philippines	29	36	66	131
Myanmar	12	26	31	69
Cambodia	1	5	9	15
Laos	0	4	25	29
Brunei	0	1	6	7
Timor-Leste	0	1	1	2

Our country is home to world champions in boxing, bowling, and swimming, among others. And despite limited trainings and resources made available to them, we have seen our athletes pave their own roads to victory. However, to be able to realize and maximize the full potential of these athletes, there is a need to provide them the appropriate support and assistance through the establishment of a Philippine High School for Sports.

At present, there are no opportunities to obtain quality education with emphasis on sports development. It is therefore, the objective of this bill to create and establish a National High School for Sports which will give the impoverished yet talented youth the opportunity to develop and cultivate their talents, skills, and knowledge in their preferred sport. It is also with the establishment of this high school for sports that we can finally get a gold medal in the Olympics as our talented athletes will not just be adequately trained but more importantly, developed and prepared for international sporting events.

It is for these reasons that the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



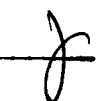
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine High
2 School for Sports Act”.

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4 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – The Philippine Constitution recognizes the
5 vital role of youth in national-building and shall promote and protect their
6 physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It is likewise
7 mandated that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports
8 programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for
9 international competitions, foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the
10 development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

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12 It is therefore declared the policy of the State to maximize the athletic
13 abilities of students with the end in view of producing qualified sports
14 practitioners and world-class athletes with solid academic background. In line
15 with this, an educational system to foster the total development of the youth, with
16 special emphasis on the enhancement and development of their skills in sports is
17 hereby established to provide an opportunity for every Filipino child to dream and
18 live out their passion for sports through education.

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20 **Sec. 3. Creation and Establishment of a Philippine High School for**
21 **Sports.** – There is hereby created and established a national high school to be
22 known as the Philippine High School for Sports (PHSS). This shall be attached to
23 the Department of Education (DepEd) which shall also coordinate with the
24 Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) for policy and program formulation and
25 implementation on subjects pertaining to sports.

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27 **Sec. 4. The Board of Trustees, Composition, Compensation and Term**
28 **of Office.** – The PHSS shall be governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees,

1 hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be created to formulate and
2 implement sports and education related policies.

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4 The Board shall be composed of the following:

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6 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Education, as the Chairperson;
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8 (b) A representative from the Philippine Sports Commission, to be
9 appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, as Vice-Chair;
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11 (c) The Executive Director of the PHSS, as member;
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13 (d) One (1) representative from the private sector engaged in sports, to be
14 appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, as member;
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16 (e) The Chairman of the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture of the
17 Senate, as member; and
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19 (f) The Chairman of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture of
20 the House of Representatives, as member.
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22 The Secretary of Education shall designate any of his Undersecretaries to
23 serve as acting Chairperson of the Board in his absence. The members of the
24 Board, who are not receiving any regular compensation from the government,
25 shall be entitled to *per diem* for their attendance in Board meetings, subject to
26 allowable rates in accordance with existing laws.
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28 The members of the Board, who represent the PSC and the private sector
29 engaged in sports, shall serve for eight (8) years, without reappointment, covering
30 two (2) Olympic Games.
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33 **Sec. 5. Powers and Duties of the Board.** – The Board shall:

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35 (a) Formulate a national plan of action for the implementation of this Act;
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37 (b) Formulate policies on appointment, promotion, retention, removal,
38 renewal, rewards and incentives for administrators, faculty and staff;
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40 (c) Determine the site of the PHSS, including the regional sites for later
41 expansion;
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43 (d) Approve appointments made and contracts entered into by the
44 Executive Director in connection with the employment of teaching and non-
45 teaching personnel of the PHSS, subject to conditions to be set affecting Section
46 12 of this Act;
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48 (e) Fix compensation and other conditions of employment in accordance
49 with the Salary Standardization Law;
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51 (f) Review and approve contracts entered into under Republic Act No.
52 8525 (Adopt-a-School Act of 1998);

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2 (g) Establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students
3 which shall include, among others, national competitive trials and examinations;
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5 (h) Develop the athletic potential of every student together with a sound
6 and strong academic base;
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8 (i) Approve the curricula, course of study and rules of discipline drawn
9 up by the Executive Council, as provided for in Section 8 of this Act;
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11 (j) Approve the grant of scholarship, stipend and such allowances for
12 students;
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14 (k) Approve the budget and appropriate sums as may be provided by law
15 for the support of the PHSS;
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17 (l) Provide fellowship grants for faculty members;
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19 (m) Approve the issuance of certificates of diplomas to successful
20 candidates for graduation;
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22 (n) Prescribe for the administration of the PHSS such general rules and
23 regulations consistent with its purpose, as defined in Section 3 of this Act;
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25 (o) Receive in trusts, legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal
26 properties and administer the same for the benefit of the PHSS or as aid to any of
27 its students;
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29 (p) Establish the criteria for the selection and admission of students
30 which shall include, among others, examinations, national competitive
31 screenings, and tryouts;
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33 (q) Purchase, receive, take or hold such real and personal properties as
34 the transaction of the lawful business of this institution may reasonably and
35 necessarily require, subject to the limitations prescribed by law;
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37 (r) Recommend nominees for the position of PHSS Executive Director to
38 the President of the Republic of the Philippines;
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40 (s) Study the feasibility of having a Philippine High School for Sports
41 System with the end in view of providing access to quality education and sports
42 programs to the whole country;
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44 (t) Exercise such other powers as may be necessary to carry out the
45 purposes of this Act.
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47 **Sec. 6. The Executive Director.** – The Executive Director shall act as the
48 school head vested with the authority to implement policies and programs
49 approved by the Board and manage and supervise the operation of the PHSS.
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51 The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board and cannot be
52 removed from office except for cause.

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2 **Sec. 7. Meeting and Quorum.** – A quorum of the Board shall hold regular
3 monthly meetings and special meetings as may be necessary. A quorum shall
4 consist of a majority of all members holding office at the time the Board meeting is
5 called.
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7 **Sec. 8. The Executive Council.** – There shall be established an Executive
8 Council consisting of the Executive Director, the heads of departments and such
9 other ranking faculty members of officials of the PHSS as may be determined by
10 the Executive Director.
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12 The Executive Council shall have the power to:

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- 14 (a) Screen and select the students to be admitted to the PHSS;
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 - 16 (b) Select students who shall be recipients of scholarship, stipends and
17 other allowances, including those who shall benefits from Adopt-A-School Law;
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 - 19 (c) Develop the curricula, course of study, training, and rules of
20 discipline, all subject to the approval of the Board;
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 - 22 (d) Distribute equitably the selection of students and scholars to all
23 districts in the country;
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 - 25 (e) Recommend students eligible for graduation;
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 - 27 (f) Exercise disciplinary power over the students through the Executive
28 Director;
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 - 30 (g) Implement and execute the policies laid down by the Board; and
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 - 32 (h) Exercise such other functions, powers and duties as the Board may
33 prescribe.
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35 **Sec. 9. The School Registrar.** – There shall be a Registrar of the PHSS
36 who shall also act as the Secretary of the Board, to be appointed by the Executive
37 Director with the approval of the Board, unless the Board appoints another who
38 shall act as Secretary of the Board. The Registrar or the Board Secretary shall
39 keep such records as may be prescribed by the Board.
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41 **Sec. 10. The School Treasurer.** – There shall be a Treasurer of the PHSS
42 who shall be appointed by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board.
43 All PHSS-funded accounts and expenses shall be subject to appropriate auditing
44 rules and procedures set forth by the Commission on Audit.
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46 **Sec. 11. PHHS Fund.** – All trusts, legacies, gifts and donations of real
47 property to the PHSS shall constitute a special fund to be known as the PHSS
48 Fund. The Fund shall be expended by the Board exclusively to achieve the
49 purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That no amount shall be used for personnel
50 services.
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1 **SEC 12. Tax Exemptions and Deductions.** – The PHSS shall be exempt
2 from payment of all taxes, fees, assessments, and other charges of the National
3 Government, its branches, and subdivisions.
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5 It shall likewise be exempt from the payment of custom duties, taxes, and
6 tariffs on the importation of sportswear, equipment, books, supplies, instruments
7 and materials and goods, including those donated to the PHSS: *Provided*, That
8 these are of international sports standards and are not available from local
9 manufacturers: *Provided, further*, That the importation shall only be in such
10 numbers as may be required in the development of various sports and/or training
11 of the students.
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13 The PHSS shall also be exempt from withholding taxes on the honoraria or
14 fees paid by the PHSS to visiting lecturers and professors from abroad.
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16 All legacies, gifts, and donations for the benefit of PHSS, or for its support
17 and maintenance, or for the aid of any of its student, shall be tax-exempt and
18 shall be an allowable deduction from the gross income of the donors.
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20 **Sec. 13. Detail of Properties and Employees.** – Heads of bureaus or
21 offices of the national government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon
22 request of the Executive Director of the PHSS such apparatus, supplies and other
23 properties as may be needed by the PHSS, and to detail employees for duty
24 therein, when in the judgment of the head of the bureau or office, they can be
25 spared without serious detriment to public service. Employees so detailed shall
26 perform such duties as are required and the time employed shall be counted as
27 part of their regular official hours, all laws, rules and regulations limiting the
28 detail of government employees notwithstanding.
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30 **Sec. 14. Accomplishment Report.** – The Board shall submit to the
31 President of the Republic of the Philippines and to the Congress of the Philippines
32 a detailed annual accomplishment report, setting forth the progress, condition
33 and needs of the high school including its financial statements on or before the
34 fifteenth day of June of each year.
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36 **Sec. 15. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately
37 include in the Department's programs the operation of the PHSS, the funding of
38 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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40 In addition, the operational expenses of the school shall be augmented
41 from the following sources:
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- 43 a) Fifty million pesos (P50,000,000.00) to form the seed capital to be taken
44 from the annual earnings of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming
45 Corporation (PAGCOR); and
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- 47 b) Five million pesos (5,000,000.00) per year for a period of ten (10) years
48 from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) to be charged
49 from the charity fund, subject to liquidation prior to subsequent
50 releases.
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1 **Sec. 16. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90)
2 days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education, in consultation
3 with the heads of other participating government agencies, shall formulate the
4 rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. The implementing
5 rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect thirty (30)
6 days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.
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8 **Sec. 17. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is held invalid
9 or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and
10 effect.
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12 **Sec. 18. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders and rules and
13 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
14 repealed or amended accordingly.
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16 **Sec. 19. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
17 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
18 circulation.

Approved,