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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Philippine Air Force (PAF) is the aerial warfare service branch of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). Its mission is "to organize, train, equip, maintain and provide forces in order to conduct prompt and sustained air operations in the AFP mission." It is mandated to: (1) organize, train and equip forces for prompt and sustained air operations for the defense of the Philippines; (2) organize, train and equip forces for airlift, airborne and tactical air operations unilaterally or in coordination with surface forces; (3) formulate and develop doctrines, concepts, systems, policies, procedures, strategies, tactics and techniques for operations peculiar to the Air Force; and, (4) organize, train and equip all Air Force reserve units.

The PAF formulated the Flight Plan 2028 which is a 14-year strategic plan that provides interventions which are both characterized as positive reinforcements and value added. It aims to build the PAF capability to detect, identify, intercept and neutralize intrusions in the Philippine Air Defense Identification Zone (PADIZ) and the South China Sea from Area Readiness 4 to Area Readiness 3 by 2022 and to build the PAF capability to detect, identify, intercept and neutralize intrusions into the entire Philippine territory from Area Readiness 3 to Area Readiness 1 by 2028.

Given these important roles and missions of the PAF, it is important that a qualified, competent and sufficient number of Air Force Cadets joins its organization.

This legislative measure proposes the establishment of the Philippine Air Force Academy (PAFA) which will provide instruction and preparation for military service of Air Force Cadets. It will be organized and administered by the Commanding General of the PAF under the general supervision and control of the Chief of Staff of the AFP.

This measure was filed by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson in the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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




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

1           Section 1. *Philippine Air Force Academy.* – There shall be established in the  
2 Philippine Air Force an educational institution to be known as the Philippine Air Force  
3 Academy (PAFA), hereinafter referred to as the Academy, for the instruction and  
4 preparation for military service of Air Force Cadets.

5           Sec. 2. *Administration.* – The Academy as herein established shall be organized  
6 and administered by the Commanding General Philippine Air Force (PAF) under the  
7 general supervision and control of the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the  
8 Philippines (AFP).

9           Sec. 3. *Academic Board.* – The Academic Board of the Academy shall be  
10 composed of the Superintendent, the Dean of the Corps of Professors, the  
11 Commandant of Cadets, and the Heads of the departments to be constituted as  
12 follows:

13           (a) The Superintendent and the Commandant of Cadets of the Academy shall  
14           be detailed to those positions by the President from the Officers of the Air  
15           Force; and,

1 (b) The Dean of the Corps of Professors shall be appointed from the permanent  
2 professors who have served as heads of departments of instruction at the  
3 Academy;

4 The Academic Board shall have the power to confer the degree of Bachelor of  
5 Science under the rules and regulations as the Chief of Staff of the AFP may prescribe  
6 upon all cadets who may hereafter satisfactorily complete the approved course of  
7 studies.

8 *Sec. 4. Department Title and Faculty.* – The Chief of Staff of the AFP may  
9 prescribe the title of each of the departments of instruction and professors of the  
10 Academy. However, each change of the title of the department or professor shall not  
11 affect the status, rank or eligibility for promotion or retirement of, or otherwise  
12 prejudiced, a professor of the Academy.

13 *Sec. 5. Cadet Corps of the Philippine Air Force.* – The student body of the  
14 Academy shall be known as the Cadet Corps of the Philippine Air Force (CCPAF). The  
15 President is authorized to appoint annually, subject to such physical and mental  
16 examinations as may be prescribed, the number of cadets necessary to maintain the  
17 Cadet Corps at a strength as may be determined by the Academic Board.

18 The Academy shall provide for educational and physical facilities for the  
19 recruitment and training of women as members of Cadet Corps.

20 All cadets shall be appointed by the President. An appointment is conditional  
21 until the cadet is admitted.

22 *Sec. 6. Eligibility for Admission.* – To be eligible for admission, a candidate  
23 must be:

- 24 (1) Single;  
25 (2) A natural born citizen of the Philippines;  
26 (3) At least seventeen (17) years of age but not more than twenty two (22)  
27 years of age on the first day of April of the year of admission;  
28 (4) At least high school graduate;  
29 (5) A successful examinee of the prescribed physical and mental examination;  
30 and,  
31 (6) A successful examinee of the National Secondary Assessment Test.

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1           Sec. 7. *Pay and Allowances.* – The pay and allowances of the Cadets of the  
2 Academy shall be fixed by the President.

3           Sec. 8. *Undertaking.* – Each cadet shall sign an agreement that unless sooner  
4 separated by duly authorized authority, he shall:

5           (1) Complete the course of instruction at the Academy; and,

6           (2) Accept an appointment and serve as a commissioned officer of the AFP for  
7 at least eight (8) years immediately after graduation from the Academy.

8           Sec. 9. *Cadet Requirement.* – Any Cadet who shall after entrance to the  
9 Academy and before completion of the prescribed courses of training, be found  
10 physically and mentally unfit for military assignment by reason of injury or disease  
11 incident to the service, shall be retired with the rank of second lieutenant of the AFP.

12           Sec. 10. *Prohibition Against Hazing.* – Subject to the approval of the Secretary  
13 of the National Defense, the Superintendent of the Academy shall issue rules and  
14 regulations preventing hazing and prescribe dismissal, suspension and other adequate  
15 punishment for violation thereof.

16           For the purpose of this Act, the term “hazing” means any unauthorized  
17 assumption of authority by a cadet whereby another cadet suffers or is exposed to  
18 any form of injury, indignity, humiliation, hardship or oppression or the deprivation or  
19 abridgement of any right.

20           If a cadet is charged with violating any rule or regulation issued pursuant to  
21 this section, the penalty of which is dismissal from the Academy, a request in writing  
22 for a trial by a general court martial may be submitted.

23           A cadet dismissed from the Academy for hazing shall not be reappointed as an  
24 Air Force Cadet and shall be ineligible for appointment as a commissioned officer in  
25 the Armed Forces of the Philippines unit after two (2) years from the graduation of  
26 the class.

27           Sec. 11. *Commission.* – Upon satisfactory completion of the course of  
28 instruction at the Academy, the Cadets shall be commissioned second lieutenants in  
29 the regular force of the Philippine Air Force with the relative rank in the order of final  
30 general standing as determined by the Academic Board of the Academy and approved  
31 by the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

1           Sec. 12. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – The Philippine Air Force Flying  
2 School, including the members of its faculty and personnel, its records, equipment,  
3 assets and liabilities are hereby transferred to and integrated with the Philippine Air  
4 Force Academy.

5           Sec. 13. *Budget.* – The initial appropriations necessary for the establishment  
6 of the Academy shall be charged to the appropriation of the Department of National  
7 Defense. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the improvement, operation and  
8 maintenance of the Academy shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations  
9 Act.

10          Sec. 14. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
11 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise  
12 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

13          Sec. 15. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
14 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary  
15 to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or  
16 amended accordingly.

17          Sec. 16. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
18 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*