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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks the creation in the Philippine Air Force, an educational institution to be known as the Philippine Air Force Academy (PAFA), for instruction and preparation for military service of the Philippine Air Force Cadets.

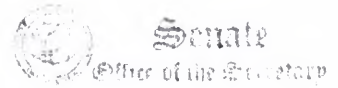
In the PAF Flying Schools (PAFFS), which currently is the main source of regular officers in the Philippine Air Force, a college degree is an academic requirement for entrance into the PAFFS. Unfortunately, thousands of poor high school graduates with great potentials are denied from joining the PAF because they have no financial support for a college education. In accordance with the constitutional mandate to ensure equitable access to opportunities for public service, the Academy will address this problem as it would encourage the recruitment of regular AFP officers from citizens of diverse culture and institutions.

Furthermore, the Philippine Air Force Academy (PAFA) is designed to produce sufficient and committed corps of professional Air Force officers, who will man the modernized Philippine Air Force, with the best education, training and orientation in the aviation industry.

In this light, the immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.



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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.

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 follows:

- 12 a) The Superintendent and the Commandant of Cadets of the Academy shall be
13 detailed to those positions by the President from the Officers of the Air Force.
14 b) The Dean of the Corps of Professors shall be appointed from the permanent
15 professors who have served as heads of departments of instructions at the
16 Academy.

1 c) The Academic Board shall have the power to confer the degree of Bachelor of
2 Science under the rules and regulations as the Chief of Staff of the Armed
3 Forces of the Philippines may prescribe upon all cadets who may hereafter
4 satisfactorily complete the approved course of studies.

5 *Sec. 4. Department Title and Faculty.* - The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces
6 of the Philippines may prescribe the title of each of the departments of instruction and
7 professors of the Academy. However, each change of the title of the department or
8 professor shall not affect the status, rank or eligibility for promotion or retirement of,
9 or otherwise prejudice, a professor of the Academy.

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

15 The Academy shall provide for educational and physical facilities for the
16 recruitment and training of women as member of Cadet Corps.

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

19 *Sec. 6. Eligibility for Admission.* - To be eligible for admission, a candidate must
20 be:

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

28 *Sec. 7. Pay and Allowances.* - The pay and allowances of the Cadets of the
29 Academy shall be fixed by the President.

30 *Sec. 8. Undertaking.* - Each cadet shall sign an agreement that unless sooner
31 separated by duly authorized, authority, he shall:

- 32 1) Complete the course of instruction at the Academy;

1 2) Accept an appointment and serve as a commissioned officer of the Armed
2 Forces of the Philippines for at least eight years immediately after graduation
3 from the Academy.

4 *Sec. 9. Cadet requirement.* - Any Cadet who shall after entrance to the Academy
5 and before completion of the prescribed courses of training, be found physically and
6 mentally unfit for military assignment by reason of injury or disease incident to the
7 service, shall be retired with the rank of second lieutenant of the Armed Forces of the
8 Philippines.

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

13 For the purpose of this Act, "hazing" means any unauthorized assumption of
14 authority by a cadet whereby another cadet suffers or is exposed to any form of injury,
15 indignity, humiliation, hardship or oppression or the deprivation or abridgement of any
16 right.

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

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

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

29 *Sec. 12. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* - The Philippine Air Force Flying
30 School, including the members of its faculty and personnel, its records, equipment,
31 assets and liabilities are hereby transferred to and integrated with the Philippine Air
32 Force Academy.

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

6 Sec. 14. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
7 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of
8 general circulation.

Approved,