## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

H. No. 8700

By Representatives Go (M.), Romulo, Dy (F.M.C.), Co (E.), Hernandez, Saulog, Escudero, Zubiri, Pleyto, Bosita, Gato, Garcia (A.), Atayde, Ortega, Corvera, Emano, Cajayon-Uy, Teves (J.), Dujali, Tolentino, Revilla (B.), Garcia (D.), Plaza, Rama, Rodriguez (E.), Fresnedi, Aquino, Peña, Roque, Co-Pilar, Aumentado, Tulfo (R.W.), Yu (J.V.), Nograles (M.), Yap (C.) and Robes

## **AN ACT**

## ESTABLISHING THE BAGUIO CITY SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

**SECTION 1.** Declaration of Policy. – It is the declared policy of the State to 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.

To this end, the State shall promote the sustained development of young Filipinos whose skills in the field of sports shall be encouraged and honed through education and specialized training programs. It shall establish, maintain, and support a comprehensive and integrated system of education and training to encourage interest in sports among the youth, hone their athletic talents and skills, and promote the development of young athletes nationwide.

**SEC. 2.** Establishment of the Baguio City Sports High School. — There is hereby established in the City of Baguio a specialized public high school that shall offer sports-focused education, to be known as the Baguio City Sports High School, herein referred to as the School.

The School shall be administered and supervised by the Department of Education (DepEd), in close coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the National Academy of Sports (NAS), for policy and program formulation and implementation, and technical assistance.

SEC. 3. Mandate. – The School shall implement a general secondary education, as prescribed by Republic Act No. 10533, or the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013", to students with considerable potential in sports. The school curriculum shall have significant emphasis on developing the athletic skills of the students through subjects pertaining to physical education and sports.

**SEC. 4.** Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern. – The organizational structure and staffing pattern of the School shall be prescribed by the DepEd, subject to the approval of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

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**SEC. 5.** Authority to Receive Donations and Grants. – The School's Principal may receive grants, bequest, endowments, donations and contributions made to the School, to be used actually, directly and exclusively by the School, subject to compliance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

**SEC. 6.** Development Plan and Organizational Structure. — Within one hundred twenty (120) days upon the effectivity of this Act, and the approval of its implementing rules and regulations, the School shall accomplish the following:

(a) Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding budgetary program to the DepEd for endorsement to the DBM; and

(b) Set up its organizational, administrative, and academic structure, subject to the qualification standards set by the DepEd.

**SEC. 7.** Appropriations. – The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the DepEd in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the DepEd shall, in coordination with the PSC, NAS, and the local government of the City of Baguio, promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. Such implementing rules and regulations shall provide for the school's organization, administration, operations and management, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9155, or the "Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001", Republic Act No. 10533, or the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013", Republic Act No. 11470, or "The National Academy of Sports" law, and other basic education-related laws.

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

Approved,