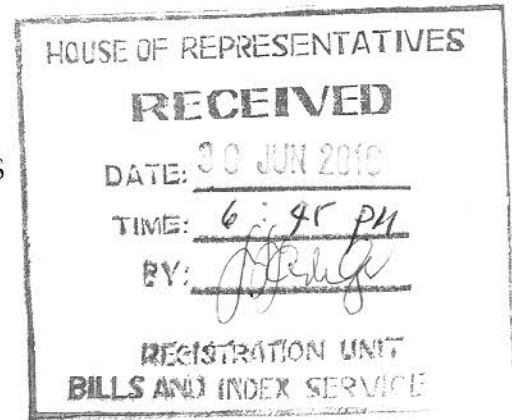


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### Explanatory Note

The Constitution, Article 13, Section 11 provides that: The State shall adopt and integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be a priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

Active participation in sports teaches our youth values such as teamwork, handling challenges, and overcoming obstacles. Sports keep the mind mentally and physically fit.

Learning institutions should inform prospective students of their athletic programs in order for prospective students to make an informed judgment of whether to enrol in the school or not.

This bill will require institution of higher education to disclose participation and program support expenditures in college athletic programs.

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**AN ACT REQUIRING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS TO  
REPORT PARTICIPATION AND PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENDITURES IN  
ALL COLLEGE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Athletic Programs Report Act of 2016”.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the 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. All educational institutions are also mandated to undertake regular sports activities throughout the country in cooperation with athletic clubs and other sectors. In pursuit of these objectives, equal opportunities should be provided to both male and female athletes.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall mean:

- (a) *Chairperson* shall refer to the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).
- (b) *Higher Education Institution (HEI)* shall refer to an educational institution engaged in educating individuals in the college level which offers courses in pursuit of a specialized field or line of profession.

(c) *National Sports Associations* shall refer to various national sports associations accredited by the Philippine Sports Commission.

(d) *Program Support Expenditures* shall refer to operating, scholarship and other expenditures incurred by the HEI in organizing an athletic team and participating in an athletic program.

(e) *Operating Expenses* shall refer to non-scholarship expenditures incurred in operating an athletic team.

(f) *College Athletic Programs* shall refer to college or university sports programs, league competitions, amateur sports, and other sports activities, including training for international competitions, organized by the HEI or participated in by a team of students representing the HEI.

#### SEC. 4 *Disclosure of Athletic Program Participation Rate and Financial Support.*

Each HEI which participates in any athletic program recognized by the CHED and has an intercollegiate athletic program shall submit, on an annual basis, a report to the Chairperson containing the following data on each program:

- (a) The total number of participants in the athletic program and their gender;
- (b) The ratio of male participants to female participants in the entire athletic program;
- (b) The total operating expenses for the sports program;
- (d) The total scholarship expenditures vis-à-vis the total number of participants;
- (e) The ratio of male scholarship expenses to female scholarship expenses in the entire athletic program;
- (f) The total number of contests participated in by the team;
- (g) The gender of the head coach and if working full-time or part-time;
- (h) The number of assistant coaches and their gender and if working full-time or part-time;
- (i) The number of graduate assistant coaches and their gender;
- (j) The number of volunteer assistant coaches and their gender;
- (k) The ratio of participants to coaches; and
- (l) The level of participation of National Sports Associations (NSAs), including the number of athletes registered with the different NSAs. The HEI

shall be required to make available to the public the information contained in the report submitted to the CHED through publication in any of the following: online via the website of the institution; the local school paper; bulletin boards in the campus premises; and other schemes to disseminate information.

SEC. 5. *Publication Duty of the CHED.* – The CHED shall be required to compile and publish annually in its website or in a newspaper of general circulation, the reports containing the information collected from the HEIs, including the athletic conferences recognized by intercollegiate athletic associations and participated in by the HEIs.

SEC. 6. *Reportorial Requirement.* – The CHED shall submit the reports compiled under Section 4 of this Act to Congress on an annual basis.

SEC. 7. *Sanctions.* – Pursuant to Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Modernization Act of 1994”, the CHED shall impose disciplinary sanctions against an official or an employee of a HEI violating Section 4 of this Act.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,