

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5708, June 21, 1969]

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROMOTION AND FINANCING OF
AN INTEGRATED PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOOLS IN THE
PHILIPPINES:**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as "The Schools Physical Education and Sports Development Act of 1969."

SEC. 2. An integrated physical education and sports development program in all schools In the Philippines shall be undertaken by the Department of Education in accordance with the following guiding principles:

1. The goal of physical education is to instill in young citizens a proper appreciation of the importance of physical development hand in hand with the mental development in individual and social activities;
2. The sports and other activities in a physical education program should provide opportunities for the athletic development of children and youth who have the competitive spirit as well as grace, coordination, stamina and strength;
3. A well-rounded physical education program must be addressed to physical growth, social training, and personal discipline for all pupils and students, as well as superior athletic achievement for those who are psychologically inclined and physically gifted; and
4. An integrated program for sports development in the schools requires effective organizational planning and administration with provisions for adequate training facilities and sustained stable financing.

SEC. 3. Pursuant to the guiding principles as herein above provided, the Secretary of Education shall prescribe by regulation a program of activities in the Bureau of Public Schools, Bureau of Private Schools and the Bureau of Vocational Education which shall include among others (1) a program of health education and nutrition with increased emphasis on food production activities to augment and improve the pupils' and students' diets; (2) a program of general physical fitness for all pupils in the elementary and secondary schools through an observance of a daily routine of calisthenics exercises and a separate daily period in the school program for physical education including folk dancing and gymnastics; (3) a program of competitive athletics in all schools starting in the intermediate grades with a view to identifying promising .athletes whose participation in individual and team athletics should be further encouraged, developed and supervised more intensively in the secondary

schools; (4) a program of intramural and inter-unit athletic competition within schools, districts and provinces prescribed by the three bureaus with proper recognition and incentive awards for outstanding performance in competitive activities; and (5) an annual program of athletic competition within and among regions and in interscholastic or national meets formulated by athletic associations organized by each bureau: *Provided*, That in the formulation of regulations the Secretary of Education shall seek the recommendation of the Department of Health through its Secretary with respect to the program of general physical fitness for pupils and students and the program of health education in the present.

SEC. 4. There shall be created in the Department of Education a Physical Education and Sports Center Development Commission composed of the Assistant Secretary for Physical Education, as Chairman, the Director of Public Works, the Physical Director of the University of the Philippines, the three coordinators each representing the Bureau of Public Schools, the Bureau of Vocational Education, and the Bureau of Private Schools, and the President of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, as members. The Assistant Secretary for Physical Education shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments. The three coordinators, who shall have the rank of division superintendents of schools, shall be appointed by the Secretary of Education.

The Assistant Secretary for Physical Education shall act as Executive Director of the Commission.

SEC. 5. The Assistant, Secretary for Physical Education shall oversee the promotion and coordination of the schools physical education and a sports development program under the general supervision and control of the Secretary of Education. The physical education coordinators shall promote and coordinate the physical education and sports development program in their respective bureaus under the direction of the corresponding bureau director.

The Physical Education and Sports Development Commission shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of Education who shall make appropriate recommendations to the President and to the Congress.

SEC. 6. There shall be a physical education supervisor in each division of the Bureau of Public Schools, a regional physical education supervisor for each region of the Bureau of Private Schools, and nine physical education supervisors in the Bureau of Vocational Education to be assigned by geographical area. The physical education supervisors shall be appointed by the Secretary of Education upon the recommendation of the respective bureau directors. The supervisor shall be appointed with priority from among the highest qualified ranking supervisors from their respective bureaus. These supervisors shall promote and coordinate the physical education activities in their respective divisions or regions and shall assume leadership in sports promotion in their respective areas.

SEC 7. Within one year following the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Education shall undertake a five-year coach development program, in coordination with similar programs launched by the University of the Philippines, and the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation (PAAF) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines, for the training of coaches in the Bureau of Public Schools, Bureau of Private Schools, and the Bureau of Vocational Education. Phase one of this program