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House Bill No. 757

Introduced by Representatives **ALFEL M. BASCUG** and **EDDIEBONG G. PLAZA**

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AGUSAN DEL SUR SPORTS
ACADEMY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PROSPERIDAD, PROVINCE
OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Explanatory Note

The Philippine Constitution mandates that it is the policy of the State to give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. Further, the Constitution also provides that the “state shall 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 give life to this constitutional policy, it is hereby envisioned that the Agusan del Sur Sports Academy be established as the primary sports development and training center for the entire province of Agusan del Sur and its neighboring provinces. The establishment of the sports academy is envisaged to promote athleticism among the youth in the province while providing a platform for the development and training of world-class and competition ready national and regional athletes.

Over the years, the Province of Agusan del Sur has been recognized as having remarkably performed in athletic competitions in the Caraga Region and in the National level. In fact, the Province of Agusan del Sur has already laid down the groundwork for the development of talents and skills through the construction and establishment of the D. O. Plaza Sports Complex which is strategically located at the heart of the Government Center of the province. With this, the province is now more than ready to host regional and division sports events, a further proof of its heart and passion for sports.

To the Agsuranons, the establishment of the Agusan del Sur Academy is a fulfillment of the modest dream of their young athletes who have exhibited potential and dedication to sports to have access to world-class training, techniques, programs, and sports training facilities. The establishment of the academy will in turn open the gates of opportunities among Agsuranon athletes whose fervent wish is to be discovered in the vast arena of athletic competitions in the country.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is hereby earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. This bill shall be known as the “Agusan del Sur Sports Academy Act.”

SECTION 2. There shall be established in the Government Center, Municipality of Prosperidad, Province of Agusan del Sur a sports academy to be known as the “Agusan del Sur Sports Academy”, which shall be the primary sports development and training center for the whole province of Agusan del Sur and neighboring provinces thereat.

SECTION 3. The Province of Agusan del Sur shall coordinate with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) the head agency of the National Sports Academy created by virtue of Republic Act 11470 and which in turn shall take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them into the newly created sports academy and training center in the Province of Agusan del Sur. Moreover, the

Agusan del Sur Sports Academy shall, in proper procedure and process, be attached or integrated with the National Sports Academy as the Philippine Sports Commission and other agencies concerned may allow.

The Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur in coordination with the PSC shall create the necessary training programs and competitions as well as the system by which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. The construction, establishment and operation of the Agusan del Sur Sports Academy shall be funded by the Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur and such funds as may be granted by the PSC or by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and endowments may be obtained from local or foreign sources intended for sports development.

SECTION 5. The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), the Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur, the Municipal Government of Prosperidad, and other concerned stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within ninety days after its enactment into law.

SECTION 6. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s programs the operation of the Agusan del Sur Sports Academy, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 7. Effectivity –This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,