



# Boy Scouts of the Philippines

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### NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO :** NATIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS  
REGIONAL SCOUT DIRECTORS  
COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVES/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE  
ALL CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** CALL FOR SUPPORT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 3053 – SCOUTING  
INTEGRATION ACT

1. BSP National President and current Representative of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Agusan del Norte, Hon. Dale B. Corvera, has recently filed House Bill No. 3053 – Scouting Integration Act ("HB No. 3053").
2. HB No. 3053 aims to mandate the inclusion of the Scouting Program in the Elementary and Junior High School Curriculum under the K-12 Program in all Public and Private schools in the Philippines and to appropriate the necessary funds for the same purpose.
3. As a party set to be benefited by the eventual passing of HB No. 3053, the BSP must show and evince its support to the proponent, Hon. Dale B. Corvera.
4. In order to show support, all Regional Scout Directors, Local Councils, Council Scout Executives/Officers-In-Charge are hereby directed to pass a Local Council Executive Board Resolution supporting House Bill No. 3053 and thereafter send a copy of the same to elainnepare@scouts.org.ph / bsp.prco@scouts.org.ph.
5. For information, guidance and widest dissemination.

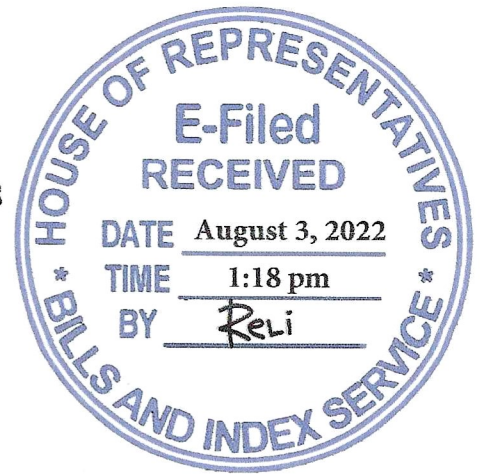
  
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Secretary General

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Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

**NINETEENTH CONGRESS**  
*First Regular Session*

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3053**



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Introduced by 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Agusan del Norte Representative  
**HON. DALE B. CORVERA**

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**AN ACT**  
**MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM IN THE**  
**ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM UNDER THE**  
**K-12 PROGRAM IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE**  
**PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER**  
**PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Boy Scouts of the Philippines, since its creation through Commonwealth Act No. 111 as amended, and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines chartered under Commonwealth Act No. 542 have remained greatly dependent with the Department of Education and other government institutions in introducing the Scouting program and activities to the youth of the country and in the recruitment of their members.

Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution which provides that "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs" is implemented by the two aforementioned National Scouting Organizations in the Philippines.

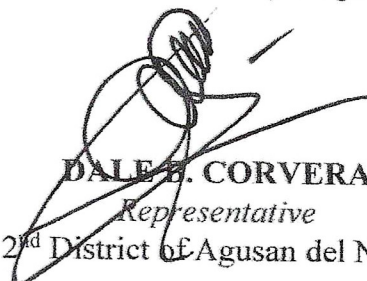
Both the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines have a mission to imbue in the youth the love of God, country and fellowmen; to train them to become responsible citizens; and to contribute in nation-building. These two National Scout Organizations provides a program committed to develop morally straight, disciplined, concerned, self-reliant citizens of this country. Scouting does not only create a sense of nationalism among the youth but it also prepares them to help in times of need during emergencies and calamities and in working towards peace.

But Scouting in the Philippines is school-based. Thus, at the unit level in schools, teachers serve as volunteer leaders to help the Boy and Girl Scouts of the Philippines carry on the task of bringing Scouting closer to the heart of every young people in the Philippines. Our committed and dedicated volunteer men and women of the Department of Education regularly undergo training in Scouting and volunteer teachers serving as Unit Leaders are provided with the learning skills on how to deliver quality Scouting in their respective schools. In many cases,

activities and programs are undertaken within the school and during the school period. But what is lamentable is the fact that while Scouting is school-based, Scouting is present only in schools if there are teachers who would volunteer to teach Scouting to their learners. Without volunteer Scout teachers in a specific school, there is no Scouting program being offered in that school and that's what this proposed measure seeks to address.

Since Scouting lessons are handled by the school teachers that serve as Unit Leaders, it would be very easy for themselves to undertake the tasks if Scouting will be integrated in the school curriculum because Scouting will become a regular subject to be taught to the learners in schools. Integrating the Scouting Program (Boy and Girl Scouting) in the elementary and junior high school curriculum in all public and private schools will also reinforce the non-formal education of our young people through its outdoor activities as Scouting promote and encourage, through organization and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of Scouts to do useful things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to inculcate in them patriotism, civic-consciousness and responsibility, courage, self-reliance, discipline, kindred virtues, and moral values, using the methods which are now in common use by Scouts, with special emphasis on spiritual values which constitute the basic foundation of a strong character and sound citizenship. Leading our young people to become Scouts is also leading their way to become responsible citizens of the future.

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



**DALE E. CORVERA**  
*Representative*  
2<sup>nd</sup> District of Agusan del Norte



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*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 “Scouting Integration Act.”

**Section 2. *Declaration of Policies.*** – It is a declared policy that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

**Section 3. *Integration of Scouting in the Elementary and Junior High School Curriculum.*** – For the purpose of carrying out and effecting the declared policy, the Department of Education, in coordination with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, shall integrate Scouting as a subject in the elementary and junior high school curriculum under the K-12 program, in all public and private schools in the Philippines.

**Section 4. *Pool of Scouting Teachers.*** – It shall be mandatory for all schools to maintain or employ at least one (1) teacher with sufficient knowledge and training in Scouting, as certified by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines or the Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

Teachers designated by their respective school as members of the pool shall undergo continuous scouting training, at no cost to the teacher.

**Section 5. *Equivalency Exemption.*** – All scouts who shall reach the rank of Eagle Scout under the scouting program shall be exempted from the Basic Reserve Officer Training Corps program or other similar programs which may be created and implemented in the future.

**Section 6. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the budget of the Department of Education. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**Section 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days from the its constitution, the Department of Education, in coordination with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, shall formulate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**Section 8. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any section, clause or term of this Act is held to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, such parts not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 9. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 10. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,