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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill under consideration proposes to recognize the Southville International School (SIS) as an educational institution of international character.

The SIS was established primarily for foreign temporary residents.

The school offers elementary and secondary education to local and foreign temporary residents. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, USA (WASC).

As thus proposed in the bill, the SIS shall be recognized to operate educational programs that primarily and principally adhere to universally accepted and recognized educational policies.

The SIS is given a free rein over its standards for admission, including the matter of the student's nationality. It may also determine its own curriculum and teach whatever languages it may deem proper, upon consultation with the Secretary of Education.

Its members shall compose the school management, parents or guardians, whether of Philippine or foreign nationality, of the children who have enrolled and attended the SIS for at least one school year.

Support of the bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
RECOGNIZING SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AS AN
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING
CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE TO ITS GROWTH AS SUCH AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Southville International School (The "School") is hereby declared all Educational institution of international Character authorized to Operate education programs that primarily and principally adhere universally accepted and recognized educational policies.

Section 2. The members of the Southville International School, Inc. shall comprise the school management, parents or guardians, whether of the Philippine or foreign nationality, of the children who have enrolled and attended the school for at least one school year. Provided, that the school year shall be determined in accordance with the School's own calendar of studies and work schedule. Provided further, that the School shall be governed by a Board of Trustees elected at large from among the entire school Community.

Section 3. To enable the School to continue carrying out its educational program, improve its standard of instruction, and meet the special needs of the foreign temporary resident community for quality education, said School shall:

- (a) accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality, in accordance with its own eligibility standards and rules for admission and grade placement. Provided, that no single nationality shall consist of more than 40 percent of the entire student population in a given school year, as stated in the records of the School;
- (b) be managed and administered by a Superintendent, who shall possess the qualifications prescribed by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the School;
- (c) upon consultation with the Secretary of Education shall determine its own curriculum and teach whatever language or languages it may deem proper and determine the amount of fees and assessments which may be reasonably imposed upon its students, to maintain or conform the school's standard of education;
- (d) maintain standards of education compatible with those obtaining in similar schools of generally recognized standing;
- (e) employ its own teaching and management personnel selected by the Board either locally or abroad, from Philippine or other nationalities, such personnel being exempt from otherwise applicable laws and regulations attending their employment, except laws that have been or will be enacted for the protection of employees. Provided, that such exemption shall not extend to their liability of income taxes;

Section 4. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules as may be necessary to

carry out the provisions of this Act.

Section 5. If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this act is subsequently declared unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,