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**AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE BRITISH SCHOOL MANILA
AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL
CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN PREROGATIVES
CONDUCTIVE TO ITS DEVELOPMENT AS SUCH, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 **Section 1. Official Recognition.** - The British School of Manila, herein referred to
2 as the "School", operated by the British Education, Inc., is hereby declared and officially
3 recognized as a British international education institution authorized to operate
4 educational programs that primarily and principally adhere to universally accepted and
5 recognized educational policies.
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7 **Section 2. Governing Body.** - The School shall be governed by a Council of
8 Trustees, herein referred to as the "Council", elected in accordance with its corporate
9 character.
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11 **Section 3. Grant of Prerogatives.** - To enable the School to continue carrying out
12 its educational program, improve its standard of instruction and meet the needs of the
13 foreign diplomatic and temporary resident community for quality education, it shall:
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15 (a) Accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality, in accordance with
16 its own eligibility standards and rules for admission and grade placement,
17 the School having been established primarily for foreign diplomatic
18 personnel and their dependents and for other temporary residents, and as
19 such the School is covered by the exemptions provided in Section 4 (2),
20 Article XIV, of the Constitution of the Philippines;
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22 (b) Be managed and administered by a Head of School, who shall possess the
23 qualifications prescribed by the Council;
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25 (c) Upon consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Education
26 (DepEd) determine its own curriculum, calendar of studies and work
27 schedule and teach whatever language or languages it may deem proper and

1 determine the amount of fees and assessments which may be reasonably
2 imposed upon its students, to maintain or conform to the School's standard of
3 education;

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5 (d) Maintain standards of education compatible with those obtaining in similar
6 schools of generally recognized standing;

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8 (e) Employ its own teaching and management personnel selected by the Council
9 either locally or abroad, from the Philippines or other nationalities, such
10 foreign personnel being exempt from laws and regulations that impose
11 nationality restrictions on employment, and control and administration of
12 educational institutions, except laws that have been or will be enacted for the
13 protection of employees: *Provided*, That such exception shall not extend to
14 their liability from income taxes; and

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16 (f) Benefits from privileges under the law granted to non-stock, non-profit
17 educational institutions.

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19 **Section 4. *Implementing Rules.*** - The DepEd Secretary shall issue such rules as
20 may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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22 **Section 5. *Separability Clause.*** - If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of
23 this Act is subsequently declared unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining
24 provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

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26 **Section 10. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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28 *Approved,*