



SENATE

S. No. 1527

PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND
CULTURE WITH SENATORS LEGARDA, TRILLANES IV AND
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AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE BRITISH SCHOOL
MANILA AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF
INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING
CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE 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
2 of Manila, herein referred to as the “School”, operated by
3 the British Education, Inc., is hereby declared and
4 officially recognized as a British international education
5 institution authorized to operate educational programs
6 that primarily and principally adhere to universally
7 accepted and recognized educational policies.

1 SEC. 2. *Governing Body.* – The School shall be
2 governed by a Council of Trustees, herein referred to as the
3 “Council”, elected in accordance with its corporate
4 character.

5 SEC. 3. *Grant of Prerogatives.* – To enable the School
6 to continue carrying out its educational program, improve
7 its standard of instruction and meet the needs of the
8 foreign diplomatic and temporary resident community for
9 quality education, it shall:

10 (a) Accept applicants for admission, regardless of
11 nationality, in accordance with its own eligibility
12 standards and rules for admission and grade placement,
13 the School having been established primarily for foreign
14 diplomatic personnel and their dependents and for other
15 temporary residents, and as such the School is covered by
16 the exemptions provided in Section 4 (2), Article XIV, of
17 the Constitution of the Philippines;

18 (b) Be managed and administered by a Head of
19 School, who shall possess the qualifications prescribed by
20 the Council;

1 (c) Upon consultation with the Secretary of the
2 Department of Education (DepED) determine its own
3 curriculum, calendar of studies and work schedule and
4 teach whatever language or languages it may deem proper
5 and determine the amount of fees and assessments which
6 may be reasonably imposed upon its students, to maintain
7 or conform to the School's standard of education;

8 (d) Maintain standards of education compatible with
9 those obtaining in similar schools of generally recognized
10 standing;

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

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

3 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules.* – The DepED Secretary
4 shall issue such rules as may be necessary to carry out the
5 provisions of this Act.

6 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any clause, sentence,
7 paragraph or part of this Act is subsequently declared
8 unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions
9 hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

10 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect
11 immediately upon its approval.

Approved,