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SB. No. 1703

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Introduced by SENATOR LACSON

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Faith Academy is an International Christian School offering K-12 education for missionary, national, and international students. It offers a globally-recognized English language curriculum and provides a progressive and well-rounded education. Faith Academy's teaching staff and its students represent more than 20 nationalities. It operates as a *day-and-boarding school* where approximately twenty percent (20%) of the high school student body lives in boarding homes provided by the Academy.

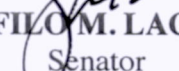
The Academy began its operations on July 15, 1957 in a rented old house at V. Mapa Street in Manila which served as classrooms and dormitory to six (6) teachers and forty-seven (47) students. Today, the campus sits in an 8.14-hectare parcel of land in Valley Golf Hills Subdivision in Cainta, Rizal.

In 2005, Faith Academy was formally recognized by the Department of Education as an International School in conjunction with its charter as an alien school. As a result, the school can accept students of any nationality, including Filipinos. Today, Filipinos comprise the third largest population of students in the Academy.

It currently maintains a joint accreditation status with the Western Association of School & Colleges and the Association of Christian Schools International. Through the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) program, the school has been one of the few institutions in the Philippines which are accredited by United Kingdom-based Cambridge International Examinations as a Cambridge International Centre. Faith Academy is also one of the few schools in Asia and the only school in the Philippines that has been approved to offer the AP Capstone program.

For over six (6) decades of its operation, Faith Academy has competently served and adequately responded to the educational needs of its students. It is high time that the Philippine Government extend its formal recognition to Faith Academy as a distinguished educational institution of international character, granting it certain prerogatives conducive to its growth.

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

  
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Senator