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"AN ACT

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. was born of a vision to nurture children trained in the fear of the Lord, following Deuteronomy 6 and Proverbs 22:6. The primary goal was to establish a global innovative learning institution that partners with families in providing transformative education to help build holistically-developed Christ-like influencers.

The School is envisioned to pursue academic excellence and foster Christian character and servant leadership in its students to influence the society for Christ. The vision of CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. is that through global innovative education, its learners will be holistically developed, Christ-like servant leaders who love God and others, committed to make a positive difference in the world.

Since its founding in 2013, CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. has grown from offering pre-school to senior high school with a current population of 603 students, comprised of at least 7 nationalities, including Filipinos. It provides a safe, multicultural, multilingual, learning environment for international students.

CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. offers a non-conventional and research-based pedagogical approach towards teaching and learning. The School makes extensive use of formative assessment to develop life-long learning skills and disposition, quarterly summative assessment and Biblical integration to establish the students' worldview based on the power of the Gospel and precepts of the Scriptures.

It is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International and has been accepting church workers and missionaries, including expatriates worldwide. CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. is recognized by the American, Singaporean and other Christian international organizations. It is adopting the International Christian curriculum with emphasis on Math and Science and will be offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in succeeding years. It has earned a reputation among Christian families worldwide in providing its students with quality Christian education that is based on the Bible.

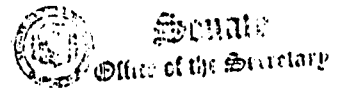
In the past, other international schools were created by legislative or executive fiat; e.g. Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (PD 2021), Brent International School (PD 2022), International School of Manila (PD 732) among others.

Evidently, there is a need for CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. to be likewise recognized as an international school to uphold high quality Christian education nurturing not just the students but also their families in an effort to make significant positive changes in the world. For this purpose, the bill aims to grant recognition of CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. the status of an international school with certain prerogatives conducive to its growth.

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


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

1 SECTION 1. CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. herein referred to as the
2 School, is hereby declared an educational institution of international character
3 authorized to operate educational programs that primarily and principally
4 adhere to universally accepted and recognized educational policies.

5 SEC. 2. CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc., established by religious
6 groups and mission boards shall be governed by a Board of Trustees, elected at
7 large from among the corporation's members of good standing.

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

11 (a) Be able to accept provisions and donations of every kind to carry out
12 the purposes of the CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. and be entitled
13 to use properties, real or personal, so donated and to construct and

1 own buildings thereon exclusively for educational purposes: Provided,
2 that for any reason, CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. ceases to
3 occupy and/or use real properties it may acquire by virtue of this Act,
4 the properties and all improvements thereon of permanent nature
5 shall accrue to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines;

6 (b) Whenever necessary to carry out its objectives, have the right to
7 obtain leases on real properties, acquire personal properties, tangible
8 or intangible, or any interests in such properties other than real, by
9 purchase, lease, barter, donation, gift or otherwise, and dispose of,
10 mortgage or encumber them for the benefit of the school concerned;

11 (c) Accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality, in
12 accordance with its own eligibility standards, and rules for admission
13 and grade placement: *Provided*, that no single alien nationality shall
14 consist more than thirty percent (30%) of the entire student
15 population in a given school year, as stated in the records of the
16 school, except in case of dependents of foreign diplomatic personnel
17 or other foreign temporary residents, as may be provided by law.

18 (d) be managed and administered by a
19 President/Headmaster/Superintendent, who possess the
20 qualifications prescribed by the Board;

21 (e) Upon consultation with the Secretary of Education, determine its own
22 curriculum and teach whatever language or languages it may deem
23 proper and determine the amount of fees and assessments which may
24 be reasonably imposed upon its pupils and/or students, to maintain
25 or conform to CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. standard of
26 education

1 (f) Maintain the international standards of education compatible with
2 those obtained in similar schools of generally recognized standing;
3 and

4 (g) Employ its own teaching and management personnel selected by the
5 Board either locally or abroad, from the Philippines or other countries
6 or nationalities, such foreign personnel being exempt from laws that
7 impose nationality restrictions on control and administration of
8 educational institutions, except laws that have been or will be enacted
9 for the protection of employees: *Provided;* That such exemption shall
10 not extend to their liability for income taxes, unless otherwise
11 provided by a bilateral agreement;

12 (h) Promote international friendship, goodwill and understanding among
13 members of the foreign community and citizens of the Philippines;
14 and

15 (i) Not to teach anything derogatory to the prestige and well-being of the
16 Philippines and its people, nor those which will subvert its
17 institutions and government.

18 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education, in consultation with the members of
19 the Board of the CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. shall issue such rules as
20 may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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

24 SEC. 6. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
25 the Official Gazette.

26 Approved,