



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLAR, REYES (E.) AND BIAZON, PER COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 374

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AN ACT RECOGNIZING SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AS  
AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL  
CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN PREROGATIVES TO  
HASTEN ITS GROWTH 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. Southville International School, 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. The Southville International School, Inc., shall be the  
6 registered name of the School and shall have as its members the school  
7 management and the parents or guardians, whether of Philippine or foreign  
8 nationality, of the children who have enrolled and attended the School for at

1 least one school year: *Provided*, That the school year shall be determined in  
2 accordance with the School's own calendar of studies and work schedule:  
3 *Provided, further*, That the School shall be governed by a Board of Trustees,  
4 herein referred to as the "Board", elected at large from among the  
5 corporation's members of good standing.

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

9 (a) accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality, in  
10 accordance with its own eligibility standards, and rules for admission and  
11 grade placement: *Provided*, That no single alien nationality shall consist more  
12 than thirty percent (30%) of the entire student population in a given school  
13 year, as stated in the records of the School;

14 (b) be managed and administered by a superintendent, who shall  
15 possess the qualification prescribed by the Board;

16 (c) upon consultation with the Secretary of Education, determine its  
17 own curriculum and teach whatever language or languages it may deem  
18 proper and determine the amount of fees and assessments which may be  
19 reasonably imposed upon its students, to maintain or conform to the School's  
20 standard of education;

1 (d) maintain standards of education compatible with those obtained in  
2 similar schools of generally recognized standing; and

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

10 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules as may be  
11 necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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

15 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
16 in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,

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