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## COMMITTEE REPORT NO.

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Submitted by the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture (Sub-Committee 7 2007 Basic and Higher Education and Culture) on FEB 7 2007 Basic and Higher Education and Culture

Re: S.B. No. 2069

Recommending its approval without amendment taking into consideration SB Nos. 578 and HB No. 3745.

Sponsor: Senators Recto and Biazon

#### MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Education, Arts and Culture to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 578**, introduced by Senator Villar, Jr., entitled:

#### "AN ACT

RECOGNIZING SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE TO ITS GROWTH AS SUCH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES",

taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2069, introduced by Senator Biazon, entitled:

#### "AN ACT

RECOGNIZING SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGES AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN PREROGATIVES TO HASTEN ITS GROWTH AS SUCH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

and **House Bill No. 3745**, introduced by Reps. Villar, Reyes (E) and Biazon, entitled:

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has considered the same and has the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that **SBN 2069** be approved with Senators . Biazon, as authors thereof.

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Respectfully submitted:

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# Introduced by Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon

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

- SECTION 1. Southville International School and Colleges, herein referred to as the School, is hereby declared as an educational institution of international character authorized to operate educational programs that primarily and principally adhere to universally accepted and recognized educational policies.
- SEC. 2. The Southville International School and Colleges, Inc., shall be the registered name of the School and shall have as its members the school management and the parents or guardians, whether of Philippine or foreign nationality, of the children who have enrolled and attended the School for at least one (1) school year: Provided, That the school year shall be determined in accordance with the School's own calendar of studies and work schedule: Provided further, That the School shall be governed by a Board of Trustees, herein referred to as the "Board", elected at large from among the corporation's members of good standing.
- SEC. 3. To enable the School to continue carrying out its innovative educational program, improve its standard of instruction and meet the special needs of the students aspiring for quality global education, it shall:
  - (a) accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality, in accordance with its own eligibility standards, and rules for admission and grade placement: Provided, That no single alien nationality shall consist more than thirty percent (30%) of the entire student population in a given school year, as stated in the records of the School;

- (b) be managed and administered by a superintendent or CEO, who shall possess the qualifications prescribed by the Board;
- (c) upon consultation with the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), determine its own curriculum and teach whatever language or languages it may deem proper and determine the amount of fees and assessments which may be reasonably imposed upon its students, to maintain or conform to the School's standard of education;
- (d) maintain standards of education compatible with those obtained in similar schools of generally recognized standing; and
- (e) employ its own teaching and management personnel selected by the Board either locally or abroad, from the Philippines or other countries, such foreign personnel being exempt from laws that impose nationality restrictions on control and administration of educational institutions, except laws that have been or will be enacted for the protection of employees: Provided, That such exemption shall not extend to their liability for income taxes.
- SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education and CHED shall issue such rules as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.
- SEC. 5. The recognition as an educational institution of international character given to SISC shall not be construed as granting to said institution the status, prerogatives, privileges and immunities of an international organization.
- SEC. 6. If any clause, sentence, paragraph of this Act is subsequently declared unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.
- SEC. 7. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,