



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 11299

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMULO, MATIBAG, REMULLA, CASTRO (F.), DE VENECIA, MARQUEZ, ESCUDERO,
PLEYTO, SOLON, ROQUE, EMANO AND DEL MAR

AN ACT
RECOGNIZING SINGAPORE SCHOOL CEBU AS AN EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN
PREROGATIVES CONDUCTIVE TO ITS DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

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

1 SECTION 1. Singapore School Cebu, herein referred to as the School, is hereby declared
2 an educational institution of international character authorized to operate educational programs
3 that primarily and principally adhere to universally accepted and recognized educational policies.
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5 SEC. 2. “Singapore School Cebu, Corp.” shall be the registered name of the School,
6 and shall be governed by a Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board, elected in
7 accordance with its corporate character.
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9 SEC. 3. To enable the School to continue carrying out its educational program, improve
10 its standard of instruction, and meet the special needs of the foreign temporary resident
11 community for quality education, it shall:
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13 (a) Accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality, in accordance with its own
14 eligibility standards and rules for admission, and grade placement: *Provided*, That no single alien
15 nationality shall consist more than one third of the entire student population in a given school
16 year, as stated in the records of the School, except in case of dependents of foreign diplomatic
17 personnel or other foreign temporary residents, as may be provided by law;
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19 (b) Whenever necessary to carry out its objectives, have the right to obtain leases on real
20 properties, acquire personal properties, tangible or intangible, or any interests in such properties
21 other than real, by purchase, lease, barter, donation, gift or otherwise, and dispose of, mortgage
22 or encumber them for the benefit of the School concerned, subject to the limitations provided
23 by law;
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25 (c) Be managed and administered by a Head of School who is a Filipino citizen, and
26 who possesses the qualifications prescribed by the Board;
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28 (d) Upon consultation with the Secretary of Education, determine its own curriculum
29 and teach whatever language or languages it may deem proper and determine the amount of fees

1 and assessments which may be reasonably imposed upon its pupils and students, to maintain or
2 confirm to the School's standards of education;

3 (e) Maintain the international standards of education compatible with those obtained in
4 similar schools of generally recognized standing;

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6 (f) Employ its own teaching and management personnel selected by the Board either
7 locally or abroad, from the Philippines or other countries or nationalities, such foreign personnel
8 being exempt from otherwise applicable laws and regulations attending their employment,
9 except laws that have been or will be enacted for the protection of employees: *Provided*, That
10 such exemption shall not extend to their liability for income taxes, unless otherwise provided by
11 a bilateral agreement: *Provided, further*, That the School shall give priority in hiring locally
12 qualified teaching and management personnel;

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14 (g) Promote international friendship, goodwill and understanding among members of the
15 foreign community and citizens of the Philippines; and

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

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20 SEC. 4. Notwithstanding the recognition and prerogatives under this Act, the School shall
21 be under supervision and regulation of the Department of Education (DepEd) and shall adhere
22 to the basic laws and the rules and regulations of the DepEd governing international or
23 foreign schools.

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25 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Education
26 shall, in consultation with the members of the Board of the School, issue the rules and regulations
27 implementing the provisions of this Act.

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29 SEC. 6. If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Act is subsequently declared
30 unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force
31 and effect.

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33 SEC. 7. Notwithstanding the non-issuance of the rules and regulations under Section 5
34 herein, this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or
35 in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,