



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 11301

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

AN ACT
RECOGNIZING SINGAPORE SCHOOL MANILA AS AN EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN
PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE 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 Manila, herein referred to as the School, is hereby
2 declared an educational institution of international character authorized to operate educational
3 programs that primarily and principally adhere to universally accepted and recognized
4 educational policies.

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6 SEC. 2. “Singapore School Manila, Inc.” shall be the registered name of the School,
7 and shall be governed by a Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board, elected in
8 accordance with its corporate character.

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

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14 (a) Accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality, in accordance with its own
15 eligibility standards and rules for admission, and grade placement: *Provided*, That no single alien
16 nationality shall consist more than one third of the entire student population in a given school
17 year, as stated in the records of the School, except in case of dependents of foreign diplomatic
18 personnel or other foreign temporary residents, as may be provided by law;

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20 (b) Whenever necessary to carry out its objectives, have the right to obtain leases on real
21 properties, acquire personal properties, tangible or intangible, or any interests in such properties
22 other than real, by purchase, lease, barter, donation, gift or otherwise, and dispose of, mortgage
23 or encumber them for the benefit of the School concerned, subject to the limitations provided by
24 law;

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26 (c) Be managed and administered by a Head of School who is a Filipino citizen, and
27 who possesses the qualifications prescribed by the Board;

1 (d) Upon consultation with the Secretary of Education, determine its own curriculum
2 and teach whatever language or languages it may deem proper and determine the amount of fees
3 and assessments which may be reasonably imposed upon its pupils and students, to maintain or
4 confirm to the School's standards of education;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved,