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AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE BRITISH SCHOOL MANILA AS  
AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL  
CHARACTER GRANTING THE SCHOOL CERTAIN  
PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE TO ITS DEVELOPMENT

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

1           SECTION 1. *Official Recognition.* – The British School  
2 Manila, herein referred to as the “School”, operated by the British  
3 Education, Inc., is hereby declared and officially recognized as a  
4 British international education institution authorized to operate  
5 educational programs that primarily and principally adhere to  
6 universally accepted and recognized educational policies.

7           SEC. 2. *Governing Body.* – The School shall be governed by a  
8 Council of Trustees, herein referred to as the “Council”, elected in  
9 accordance with its corporate charter.

1           SEC. 3. *Grant of Prerogatives.* – To enable the School to  
2 continue carrying out its educational program, improve its standard  
3 of instruction and meet the needs of the foreign diplomatic and  
4 temporary resident community for quality education, it shall:

5           (a) Accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality,  
6 in accordance with its own eligibility standards and rules for  
7 admission and grade placement, the School having been established  
8 primarily for foreign diplomatic personnel and their dependents and  
9 for other temporary residents, and as such the School is covered  
10 by the exemptions provided in Section 4(2), Article XIV of the  
11 Constitution of the Philippines;

12           (b) Be managed and administered by a Head of School, who  
13 shall possess the qualifications prescribed by the Council;

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

20           (d) Maintain standards of education compatible with those  
21 obtaining in similar schools of generally recognized international  
22 standing;

23           (e) Employ its own teaching and management personnel  
24 selected by the Council either locally or abroad, from the Philippines  
25 or other nationalities, such foreign personnel being exempt from  
26 laws and regulations that impose nationality restrictions on  
27 employment, and control the administration of educational

1 institutions, except laws that have been or will be enacted for the  
2 protection of employees: *Provided*, That such exception shall not be  
3 extended to their liability for income taxes; and

4 (f) Benefit from privileges under the law to nonstock,  
5 nonprofit educational institutions.

6 SEC. 4. *Supervision and Regulation of the Department of*  
7 *Education.* – Notwithstanding the recognition and prerogatives  
8 under this Act, the British School Manila shall be under the  
9 supervision and regulation of the DepEd and shall adhere to  
10 basic laws, and rules and regulations of the DepEd governing  
11 international or foreign schools.

12 SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DepEd  
13 Secretary shall issue such rules as may be necessary to carry out  
14 the provisions of this Act.

15 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any clause, sentence,  
16 paragraph or part of this Act is subsequently declared  
17 unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions hereof  
18 shall remain in full force and effect.

19 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
20 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper  
21 of general circulation.

Approved,

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