



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8741

BY REPRESENTATIVES LANETE, DURANO, DUAVIT, ROA-PUNO AND
SY-ALVARADO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1017

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE FAITH ACADEMY AS AN
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL
CHARACTER AND GRANTING THE ACADEMY CERTAIN
PREROGATIVES TO PROMOTE ITS DEVELOPMENT

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

1 SECTION 1. The Faith Academy, operated by the Faith
2 Academy, Inc., herein referred to as the "Academy", is hereby
3 declared and officially recognized as a basic educational institution
4 of international character authorized to operate educational
5 programs that primarily and principally adhere to universally
6 accepted and recognized educational policies.

7 SEC. 2. The Academy, established by religious groups and
8 mission boards, shall be governed by a Board of Trustees, herein
9 referred to as the "Board", and elected in accordance with its
10 corporate charter.

11 The Academy, having been established primarily for foreign
12 missionary personnel and their dependents and for other temporary

1 residents, shall be covered by the exemptions provided in Section
2 4(2), Article XIV of the Philippine Constitution.

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

7 (a) Accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality,
8 in accordance with its own eligibility standards, and rules for
9 admission and grade placement;

10 (b) Be managed and administered by a head of school, who
11 shall possess the qualifications prescribed by the Board;

12 (c) Be able to accept provisions and donations of any kind to
13 carry out the purposes of the Academy and be entitled to use
14 properties, real or personal, so donated, and construct and own
15 buildings thereon exclusively for educational purposes: *Provided,*
16 That whenever necessary to carry out its objectives, it shall allow
17 the Christian Education Assistance Foundation (CEAF), the owner
18 of the Academy's properties, to obtain leases on real properties,
19 acquire personal properties, tangible or intangible, or any interest
20 in such properties other than real, by purchase, lease, barter,
21 donation, gift or otherwise, and dispose of, mortgage or encumber
22 them for the benefit of the Academy;

23 (d) Upon consultation with the Secretary of Education,
24 determine its own basic education curriculum, calendar of studies,
25 and work schedule, and teach whatever language it may deem
26 appropriate, and determine the reasonable amount of fees which
27 shall be imposed upon its students to maintain and conform with
28 the Academy's standard of education;

1 (e) Maintain standards of education compatible with those
2 obtaining in similar schools of generally recognized international
3 standing;

4 (f) Contract its own teaching and management personnel
5 selected by the Academy's administration either locally or abroad,
6 whether Filipino or of another nationality, such foreign personnel
7 being exempt from laws that impose nationality restrictions on
8 employment or those that impose restrictions on the administration
9 of educational institutions, except laws that have been or will be
10 enacted for the protection of employees: *Provided*, That such
11 exemption shall not extend to their liability for income taxes; and

12 (g) Be granted benefits and privileges under the law as a
13 nonstock, nonprofit educational institution.

14 SEC. 4. Foreign scholars, trainees, participants, students,
15 volunteers, fellows or professors appointed, selected, hired,
16 employed, or contracted by the Academy shall be allowed entry as
17 special non-immigrants under Section 47(a)(2) of Commonwealth
18 Act No. 613, otherwise known as "The Philippine Immigration Act
19 of 1940", as amended, and as such shall be exempt from the
20 payment of visa and immigration fees: *Provided*, That such persons
21 are holders of valid passports and are not otherwise disqualified.

22 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act,
23 the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the members of the
24 Board of the Academy, shall formulate the rules and regulations
25 implementing the provisions of this Act.

26 SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
27 unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain
28 in force and effect.

1 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
3 circulation.

Approved,

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