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Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila

Thirteenth Congress

Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of July, two thousand six.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. **9493**]

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

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

SECTION 1. Southville International School, herein referred to as the School, is hereby declared 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, 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 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 educational program, improve its standard of instruction and meet the special needs of the foreign temporary resident community for quality 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, who shall possess the qualifications prescribed by the Board;

(c) upon consultation with the Secretary of Education, 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.

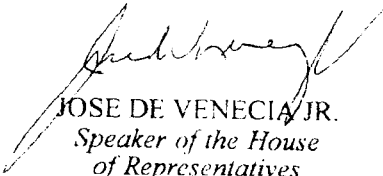
SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Act is subsequently declared unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.


SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

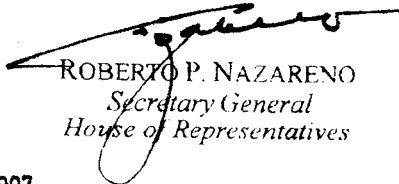
Approved,


MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate



JOSE DE VENECIA JR.
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on June 6, 2005 and June 5, 2007, respectively.


OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate


ROBERTO P. NAZARENO
Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: JUL 25 2007


GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President of the Philippines

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