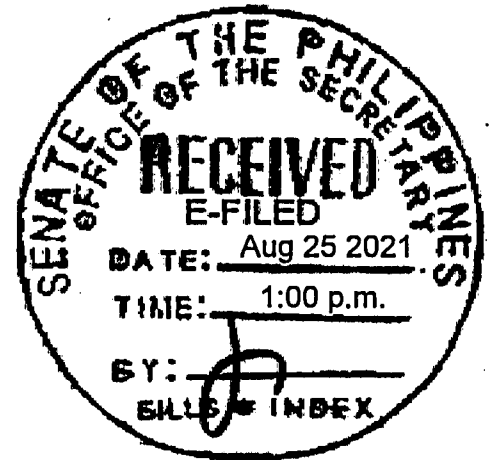


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Prepared by the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture,
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AN ACT

RECOGNIZING CCF LIFE ACADEMY FOUNDATION INC. 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 the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc., herein referred to as the
2 School, is hereby declared an educational institution of international character
3 authorized to operate educational programs that primarily and principally adhere to
4 universally accepted and recognized educational policies.

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6 SEC. 2. "CCF Life Academy International" shall be the registered name of the
7 School, which was established by religious groups and mission boards, and shall be
8 governed by a Board of Trustees elected at large from among the School's members
9 of good standing.

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

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(a) Be able to accept provisions and donations of every kind to carry

1 out the purposes of the School and be entitled to use properties, real or
2 personal, so donated and to construct and own buildings thereon exclusively
3 for educational purposes: *Provided*, That for any reason the School ceases to
4 occupy or use real properties it may acquire by virtue of this Act, the properties
5 and all improvements thereon of permanent nature shall accrue to the
6 Government of the Republic of the Philippines;

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

13 (c) Accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality, in
14 accordance with its own eligibility standards, and rules for admission and grade
15 placement: *Provided*, That no single alien nationality shall consist more than
16 thirty percent (30%) of the entire student population in a given school year, as
17 stated in the records of the School, except in case of dependents of foreign
18 diplomatic personnel or other foreign temporary residents, as may be provided
19 by law;

20 (d) Be managed and administered by a President, Headmaster or
21 Superintendent, who possesses the qualifications prescribed by the Board;

22 (e) Upon consultation with the Secretary of Education, determine its
23 own curriculum and teach whatever language or languages it may deem proper
24 and determine the amount of fees and assessments which may be reasonably
25 imposed upon its pupils and students, to maintain or conform to the School's
26 standard of education;

27 (f) Maintain the international standards of education compatible with
28 those obtained in similar schools of generally recognized standing;

29 (g) Employ its own teaching and management personnel selected by
30 the Board either locally or abroad, from the Philippines or other countries or
31 nationalities, such foreign personnel being exempt from otherwise applicable
32 laws and regulations attending their employment, except laws that have been

1 or will be enacted for the protection of employees: *Provided*, That such
2 exemption shall not extend to their liability for income taxes, unless otherwise
3 provided by a bilateral agreement: *Provided, further*, That the School shall give
4 priority in hiring locally qualified teaching and management personnel;

5 (h) Promote international friendship, goodwill and understanding
6 among members of the foreign community and citizens of the Philippines; and

7 (i) Not to teach anything derogatory to the prestige and well-being
8 of the Philippines and its people, nor those which will subvert its institutions
9 and government.

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11 SEC. 4. Notwithstanding the recognition and prerogatives under this Act, the
12 School shall be under the supervision and regulation of the Department of Education
13 and shall adhere to basic laws and the rules and regulations of the Department
14 governing international or foreign schools.

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16 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of
17 Education, in consultation with the members of the Board of the School, shall issue
18 the rules and regulations to implement its provisions.

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

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

Approved,