



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**H. No. 5856**

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BY REPRESENTATIVES SARMIENTO (C.), DELA CRUZ AND COJUANGCO (K.),  
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 771

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AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE GERMAN EUROPEAN SCHOOL  
MANILA, INCORPORATED AS AN EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER AND  
PROVIDING FOR MECHANISMS ON THE GRANT OF CERTAIN  
PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE TO ITS GROWTH

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

1           SECTION 1. The German European School Manila, Incorporated, herein  
2 referred to as the "German School", is hereby recognized as a basic  
3 educational institution of international character authorized to operate  
4 recognized German educational programs that primarily and principally  
5 adhere to universally accepted and recognized educational policies.

6           SEC. 2. In support of the duty of the State to give priority to education,  
7 the German School shall provide basic education services and curricular  
8 programs that are socially responsible, forward thinking, and democratically  
9 disseminated, drawing inspiration from three (3) main guiding principles,  
10 namely:

- 11           (a) Brain and Intelligence Research;  
12           (b) Change and Social Policy Development; and

1 (c) Language and Culture Studies.

2 The resultant unique international curriculum of the German School  
3 thus integrates the following:

4 (1) The latest scientific findings on brain and intelligence research as  
5 well as critical pedagogy pertaining to diversity and inclusive education;

6 (2) Language study at the age when a child learns multiple languages  
7 naturally and intuitively;

8 (3) Exposure to and proper use of technology; and

9 (4) Culturally responsive teaching through the use of multicultural and  
10 interactive learning materials.

11 SEC. 3. The members of the German School shall be comprised of the  
12 parents or guardians of the children, whether of Philippine or foreign  
13 nationality, who have enrolled and attended the German School for at least  
14 one (1) school year: *Provided*, That no group of foreign nationality shall  
15 comprise more than one-third (1/3) of the German School's enrollment:  
16 *Provided, further*, That the school year shall be determined in accordance with  
17 the German School's own calendar of studies and work schedule: *Provided*,  
18 *finally*, That the German School shall be governed by a Board of Trustees,  
19 hereinafter referred to as the Board, elected at large from among the school's  
20 regular and associate members of good standing.

21 SEC. 4. To enable the German School to continue carrying out its  
22 educational program, improve its standard of instruction, and meet the special  
23 needs of the foreign temporary resident community for quality education, it  
24 shall:

25 (a) Be authorized to accept provisions and donations of every kind to  
26 carry out the purposes of the German School and be entitled to use properties,  
27 real or personal, so donated and to construct and own buildings thereon  
28 exclusively for educational purposes: *Provided*, That for any reason, the

1 German School ceases to occupy and use real properties it may acquire by  
2 virtue of this Act, the properties and all improvements thereon of permanent  
3 nature shall accrue to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines;

4 (b) Have the right to obtain leases on real properties, acquire personal  
5 properties, tangible or intangible, or any interest in such properties other than  
6 real, by purchase, lease, barter, donation, gift or otherwise, and dispose of,  
7 mortgage or encumber them for the benefit of the school concerned;

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

11 (d) Be managed and administered by a superintendent, who shall  
12 possess the qualifications prescribed by the Board;

13 (e) Upon consultation with the Secretary of Education, determine its  
14 own basic education curriculum and teach German language and any other  
15 foreign languages it may deem appropriate, and determine the reasonable  
16 amount of fees which shall be imposed upon its students to maintain and  
17 conform to the German School's standard of education;

18 (f) Maintain standards of education compatible with those obtaining  
19 in similar schools in Germany, the Philippines and other international  
20 educational institutions of generally recognized standing;

21 (g) Employ its own teaching and management personnel selected by  
22 the Board, either locally or abroad, from the Philippines or other nationalities;  
23 such foreign personnel being exempt from laws that impose nationality  
24 restrictions on control and administration of educational institutions, except  
25 laws that have been or will be enacted for the protection of employees:  
26 *Provided*, That such exemption shall not extend to their liability for income  
27 taxes;

1           (h) Promote international friendship, goodwill and understanding  
2 among the members of the foreign community and the citizens of the  
3 Philippines; and

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

7           SEC. 5. The Secretary of Education, in consultation with the German  
8 Embassy and the members of the Board of the German School, shall issue  
9 such rules as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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

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

Approved,

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