



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMULO AND COJUANGCO (K.), PER COMMITTEE  
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AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE CANADIAN AMERICAN EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION, INC. AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION  
OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER AND PROVIDING FOR  
MECHANISMS ON THE GRANT OF CERTAIN PREROGATIVES  
CONDUCTIVE TO ITS GROWTH

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

1           SECTION 1. The Canadian American Education Foundation, Inc.,  
2 herein referred to as the "Canadian American School", is hereby recognized  
3 as a basic educational institution of international character authorized to  
4 operate recognized Canadian American educational programs that primarily  
5 and principally adhere to universally accepted and recognized educational  
6 policies.

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

- 1 (a) Brain and Intelligence Research;
- 2 (b) Change and Social Policy Development; and
- 3 (c) Language and Culture Studies.

4 The unique international curriculum of the Canadian American School  
5 integrates the following:

- 6 (1) The latest scientific findings on brain and intelligence research as  
7 well as critical pedagogy pertaining to diversity and inclusive education;
- 8 (2) Language study at the age when a child learns multiple languages  
9 naturally and intuitively;
- 10 (3) Exposure to and proper use of technology; and
- 11 (4) Culturally responsive teaching through the use of multicultural and  
12 interactive learning materials.

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

24 SEC. 4. To enable the Canadian American School to continue carrying  
25 out its educational program, improve its standard of instruction, and meet the  
26 special needs of the foreign temporary resident community for quality  
27 education, it shall:

1 (a) Be authorized to accept provisions and donations of every kind to  
2 carry out the purposes of the Canadian American School and be entitled to use  
3 properties, real or personal, so donated and to construct and own buildings  
4 thereon exclusively for educational purposes: *Provided*, That for any reason,  
5 the Canadian American School ceases to occupy and use real properties it may  
6 acquire by virtue of this Act, the properties and all improvements thereon of  
7 permanent nature shall accrue to the Government of the Republic of the  
8 Philippines;

9 (b) Be vested with the right to obtain leases on real properties, acquire  
10 personal properties, tangible or intangible, or any interest in such properties  
11 other than real, by purchase, lease, barter, donation, gift or otherwise, and  
12 dispose of, mortgage or encumber them for the benefit of the school  
13 concerned;

14 (c) Accept applicants for admission, regardless of nationality, in  
15 accordance with its own eligibility standards, and rules for admission and  
16 grade placement;

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

19 (e) Upon consultation with the Secretary of Education, determine its  
20 own basic education curriculum and teach Canadian American language and  
21 any other foreign languages it may deem appropriate, and determine the  
22 reasonable amount of fees which shall be imposed upon its students to  
23 maintain and conform to the Canadian American School's standard of  
24 education; -

25 (f) Maintain standards of education compatible with those obtaining  
26 in similar schools in Canada, the United States of America, and other  
27 international educational institutions of generally recognized standing;

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

8 (h) Promote international friendship, goodwill and understanding  
9 among the members of the foreign community and the citizens of the  
10 Philippines; and

11 (i) Refrain from teaching anything that is derogatory to the prestige  
12 and well-being of the Philippines and its people, nor those which will subvert  
13 the Philippine government.

14 SEC. 5. The Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Canadian  
15 and American embassies, and the members of the Board of the Canadian  
16 American School, shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the  
17 provisions of this Act.

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

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

Approved,

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