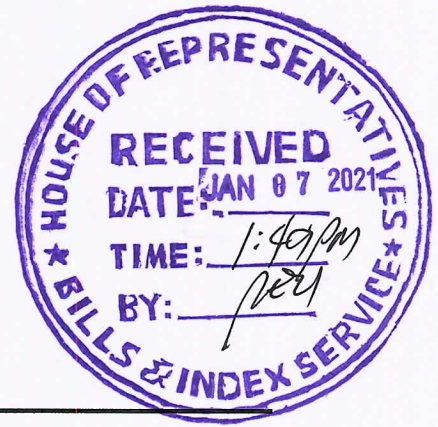


EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE BILL NO. 8320



Introduced by Representative Roman T. Romulo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

CCF Life Academy Foundation, Inc. was born of a vision to nurture children trained in the fear of the Lord, following Deuteronomy 6 and Proverbs 22:6. The primary goal was to establish a global innovative learning institution that partners with families in providing transformative education to help build holistically-developed Christ-like influencers.

The School is envisioned to pursue academic excellence and foster Christian character and servant leadership in its students to influence the society for Christ. The vision of CCF Life Academy Foundation, Inc. is that through global innovative education, its learners will be holistically developed, Christ-like servant leaders who love God and others, committed to make a positive difference in the world.

Since its founding in 2013, CCF Life Academy Foundation, Inc. has grown from offering pre-school to senior high school with a current population of 603 students, comprised of at least 7 nationalities, including Filipinos. It provides a safe, multicultural, multilingual, learning environment for international students.

CCF Life Academy Foundation, Inc. offers a non-conventional and research-based pedagogical approach towards teaching and learning. The School makes extensive use of formative assessment to develop life-long learning skills and disposition, quarterly summative assessment and Biblical integration to establish the students' worldview based on the power of the Gospel and precepts of the Scriptures.

It is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International and has been accepting children of church workers and missionaries, including expatriates worldwide. CCF Life Academy Foundation, Inc. is recognized by the American,

Singaporean and other Christian international organizations. It is adopting the International Christian curriculum with emphasis on Math and Science and will be offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in succeeding years. It has earned a reputation among Christian families worldwide in providing its students with quality Christian education that is based on the Bible.

In the past, other international schools were recognized through legislation, such as, Southville International School (R.A. 9493), Everest International Academy (R.A. 11255), British School Manila (R.A. 11218), among others.

Evidently, there is a need for the School to be known as CCF Life Academy International to be likewise recognized as an international school to uphold high quality Christian education nurturing not just the students but also their families in an effort to make significant positive changes in the world. For this purpose, the bill aims to grant recognition to CCF Life Academy Foundation, Inc. otherwise known as CCF Life Academy International the status of an international school with certain prerogatives conducive to its growth.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. CCF Life Academy Foundation Inc. herein referred to as the “School,” is hereby declared and recognized as 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. “CCF Life Academy International” shall be the registered name of the School, which was established by religious groups and mission boards and shall be governed by a Board of Trustees (Board), elected at large from among the School’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) Be able to accept provisions and donations of every kind to carry out the purposes of the School and be entitled to use properties, real or personal, so donated and to construct and own buildings thereon exclusively for educational purposes: Provided, that for any reason, the School ceases to occupy or use the real properties it may acquire by virtue of this Act, the properties and all improvements thereon of permanent nature shall accrue to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines;

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

(c) 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. Provided further that students of alien nationality who are admitted are compliant with the requirements as provided by law.

(d) Be managed and administered by a President/Headmaster/Superintendent, who possess the qualifications prescribed by the Board;

(e) 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 pupils and/or students, to maintain or conform to the School's standard of education

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

(g) Employ its own teaching and management personnel selected by the Board either locally or abroad, from the Philippines or other countries or nationalities, 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, and other laws governing alien employees in the Philippines, unless otherwise provided by a bilateral agreement;

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

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

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Education, in consultation with the members of the Board of the School to be known as CCF Life Academy International 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,