

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11237, March 08, 2019 ]**

**AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE FAITH ACADEMY AS AN  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER  
AND GRANTING THE ACADEMY CERTAIN PREROGATIVES TO  
PROMOTE ITS DEVELOPMENT**

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

SECTION 1. The Faith Academy, operated by the Faith Academy, Inc., herein referred to as the "Academy", is hereby declared and officially recognized as a basic 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 Academy, established by religious groups and missions boards, shall be governed by a Board of Trustees, herein referred to as the " Board", and elected in accordance with its corporate charter.

The Academy, having been established primarily for foreign missionary personnel and their dependents and for other temporary residents, shall be covered by the exemption provided in Section 4 (2), Article XIV of the Philippine Constitution.

SEC. 3. To enable the Academy 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;

(b) Be managed and administered by a head of school, who shall possess the qualifications prescribed by the Board;

(c) Be able to accept provisions and donations of any kind to carry out the purposes of the Academy and be entitled to use properties, real or personal, so donated, and construct and own buildings thereon exclusively for educational purposes: *Provided*, That whenever necessary to carry out its objectives, it shall allow the Christian Education Assistance Foundation (CEAF), the owner of the Academy's properties, to obtain leases on real properties, acquire personal properties, tangible or intangible, or any interest 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 Academy.

(d) Upon consultation with the Secretary of Education, determine its own basic education curriculum, calendar of studies, and work schedule, and teach whatever language it may deem appropriate, and determine the reasonable amount of fee