

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9493, July 25, 2007 ]**

**AN ACT RECOGNIZING SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
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 Philippine Congress assembled.*

SECTION 1. Southville International School, herein referred to as the School, is hereby declared 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. The Southville International School, Inc. shall be the registered name of the School and shall have as its members the school management and the parents or guardians, whether of Philippine or foreign nationality, of the children who have enrolled and attended the School for at least one school year; *Provided*, That the school year shall be determined in accordance with the School's own calendar of studies and work schedule; *Provided, further*, That the School shall be governed by a Board of Trustees, herein referred to as the Board, elected at large from among the corporation'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. 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;
- b. be managed and administered by a superintendent who shall possess the qualifications prescribed by the Board;
- c. 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 students, to maintain or conform to the school's standard of education;
- d. maintain standards of education compatible with those obtained in similar schools of generally recognized standing; and
- e. employ its own teaching and management personnel selected by the Board either locally or abroad, from the Philippines or other countries, such foreign personnel being exempt from laws that impose nationality restrictions, except laws that have been or will be enacted for the protection of employees: