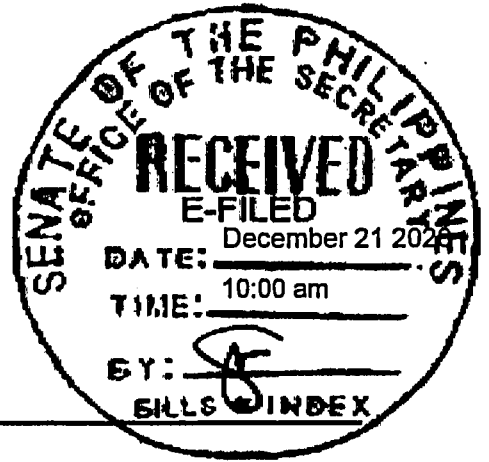


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution specifically provides:

"Section 1. The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

Section 4 par. 1, Article XIV of the same Constitution also provides:

"Section 4. (1) The State recognizes the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the educational system and shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions."

Pursuant to the above constitutional mandate, this bill seeks to improve the delivery of educational services and make the same available to the people of Northern Samar. Currently, in order to reach the regional center in Tacloban City, it would take around six to seven hours of travel which is burdensome.

The State also recognizes the role of the youth in society and education plays a vital role in the total human development. It is because of this that we need to ensure that students of higher educational institutions have easy access to the service of government agencies tasked to promote and prioritize education as catalyst of the country's growth and development.

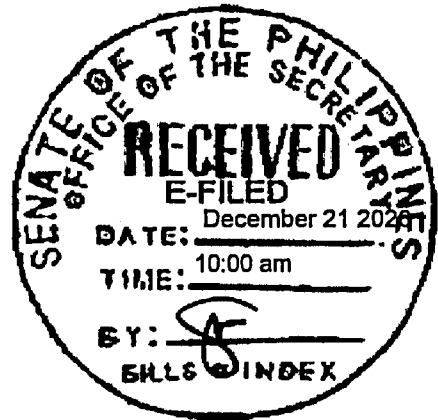
If this bill will be passed into law, the people of Northern Samar will have an easier access to CHED for their educational concerns such as, but not limited to, applying or following up for student financial assistance and grants.

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



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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established in the Province of Northern Samar, an
2 office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to be known as the CHED- Northern
3 Samar Provincial Office. It shall be headed by a provincial director
- 4 **SEC. 2.** The CHED shall determine the organization structure and staffing pattern
5 for the CHED – Northern Samar Provincial Office and submit the same to the Secretary of
6 the Department of Budget and Management for approval.
- 7 **SEC. 3.** The Chairperson of the CHED shall immediately include in the CHED's
8 program the operationalization of the CHED-Northern Samar Provincial Office.
- 9 **SEC. 4.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
10 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- 11 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the CHED shall issue
12 the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.
- 13 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
14 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,