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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the role of the youth in nation building. It gives priority to education as a means to promote social progress and total human development. Thus, there is a need to ensure that students of higher educational institutions have easy access to the services of government agencies tasked to promote and prioritize education as a catalyst of the country’s growth and progress.

It takes more than three (3) hours for students and parents in Zamboanga Sibugay to reach the CHED Regional Office in Zamboanga City. The distance, travel time and cost of transportation involved impel this representation to propose the creation of a CHED Field Office in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay to cater to the needs of the Sibugaynons. This measure aims to provide the people of Zamboanga Sibugay access to CHED for their educational concerns such as, but not limited to, applying or following up applications for student financial assistance and grants, and securing eligibility and other documents for employment purposes.

As a response to a dire situation, this measure will hopefully encourage students to stay in school, finish their degree courses and equip themselves for gainful employment.

For the abovementioned reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FIELD OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER
EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Field Office of the Commission on Higher
Education (CHED) in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, which shall exercise jurisdiction
over the said province. The CHED Field Office in the province of Zamboanga Sibugay shall
be known as the CHED-Zamboanga Sibugay Field Office. It shall be located in the
Municipality of Ipil, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay.

SEC. 2. The CHED-Zamboanga Sibugay Field Office shall be headed by a provincial
director.

SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the CHED, in
coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall formulate an
organizational structure, staffing pattern and plantilla positions for the CHED-Zamboanga
Sibugay Field Office. The said organizational structure, staffing pattern and plantilla positions
shall be finalized by the CHED Chairperson and the DBM Secretary.

SEC. 4. The CHED Chairperson shall immediately include in the CHED’s programs
the operationalization of the CHED-Zamboanga Sibugay Field Office.

SEC. 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included
in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. The CHED shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
implementation of this Act.

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

Approved.