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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is mandated to protect, foster and promote the right of citizens to affordable quality education at all levels and take appropriate steps to ensure that education shall be accessible. Pursuant to this mandate, the CHED has the responsibility, among others, to implement program development grants, scholarships and other similar programs; evaluate the performance of programs and institutions of higher learning for appropriate incentives or imposition of sanctions; and support and develop potential centers of excellence in program areas needed for national development.

To effectively discharge the aforementioned responsibilities, it is desirable that the CHED be in close proximity with its clientele and stakeholders to guarantee the prompt delivery of services. Bringing the CHED closer to its clientele by establishing an office within the province ensures a faster and more efficient response to concerns on programs and projects, implementation of student subsidies and financial assistance in all higher educational institutions in the Province of Bataan.

Support for this bill is earnestly requested from my colleagues.

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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION
ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF
BATAAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established a provincial office of the
2 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the Province of Bataan, to be known
3 as the CHED-Bataan Provincial Office, which shall exercise jurisdiction over the
4 said province and shall be headed by a provincial director. The CHED-Bataan
5 Provincial Office shall be located in the City of Balanga, Province of Bataan.

6 **SEC. 2.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the CHED, in
7 coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall
8 determine the organizational structure and staffing pattern for the CHED-Bataan
9 Provincial Office. The said organizational structure and staffing pattern shall be
10 submitted to the Chairperson of the CHED and the Secretary of the DBM for
11 approval.

12 **SEC. 3.** The Chairperson of the CHED shall immediately include in the
13 CHED's programs and operationalization of the CHED-Bataan Provincial Office.

14 **SEC 4.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall
15 be included in the General Appropriations Act.

16 **SEC. 5.** The CHED shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the
17 effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

18 **SEC. 6.** This Act. Shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
19 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.