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House Bill No. 0571



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Introduced by: **Rep. GREG G. GASATAYA**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Under Republic Act 7722, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is mandated to promote quality education; take appropriate steps to ensure that education shall be accessible to all; and ensure and protect academic freedom for the continuing intellectual growth, the advancement of learning and research, the development of responsible and effective leadership, the education of high level professionals, and the enrichment of historical and cultural heritage.

Considering there are sixty (60) colleges and universities in Negros Occidental, twenty-five (25) of which are in Bacolod City, a CHED office situated in Bacolod will allow a relative large number of college students to easily avail of any academic grants that CHED may offer. Moreover, for purposes of graduation, its presence will expedite the processing of Special Orders and other requirements pertinent to the taking of professional board exams and bar exams, not to mention the reduction of the inevitable processing expenses.

Largely, easier access to various CHED services for the thousands of tertiary students, teachers and the academe in general would mean a more effective and efficient educational system.

As such, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) OFFICE IN  
THE LONE DISTRICT OF BACOLOD CITY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS  
OCCIDENTAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established a provincial office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) office in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental to exercise jurisdiction over the Province of Negros Occidental.

**SECTION 2.** The Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 3.** The Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall immediately include in the Commission's programs the operationalization of the CHED provincial office in Bacolod City; the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,