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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under R.A. 7722, 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 that there are sixty (60) colleges and universities in Negros Occidental, a CHED Office situated in Bacolod City will allow numerous college students to easily avail of any benefit the CHED may offer and 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 and expenses to be incurred in such processing will accordingly be minimized.

Overall, easier access to various CHED services for the thousands of students, teachers and the academe community in general would mean a more efficient and effective 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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Office in Bacolod City.

SEC. 2. The Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the CHED Office in Bacolod City, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,