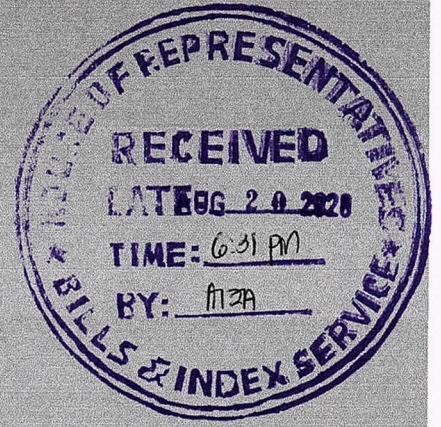




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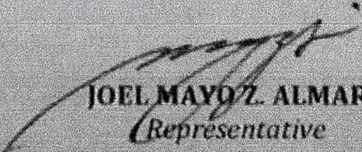
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7722 mandates the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to promote quality education and to take appropriate steps to ensure that education shall be accessible to all.

Fundamentally, the establishment of a CHED Provincial Office in the City of Mati enhances the achievement of its mandate as this will bring CHED closer to the 428 Technical and Vocational Institutions most of which have CHED accredited programs and to the Davao Oriental State University in the province. This will provide easier, faster, and smoother coordination among CHED's stakeholders leading to a more effective and efficient educational system.

With the increasing enrollments and graduates of tertiary programs and considering the distance barrier, now is the best time to establish a CHED Provincial Office in the City of Mati.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON
HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL,
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 Commission on Higher
2 Education (CHED), to be known as the CHED-Davao Oriental Provincial Office, which
3 shall exercise jurisdiction over said province and shall be headed by a provincial director.
4 The CHED-Davao Oriental Provincial Office shall be located in the City of Mati, Province
5 of Davao Oriental.
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7 **SEC. 2.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the CHED, in
8 coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall determine the
9 organizational structure and staffing pattern for the CHED-Davao Oriental Provincial
10 Office and submit the same to the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management
11 for approval.
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13 **SEC. 3.** The Chairperson of the CHED shall immediately include in the CHED's
14 program the operationalization of the CHED-Davao Oriental Provincial Office.
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16 **SEC. 4.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
17 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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19 **SEC. 5.** The CHED shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
20 implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.
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22 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
23 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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25 *Approved.*