

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **45**



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Introduced by Representative Paul Ruiz Daza

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution specifically provides:

“Section 1. The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.”

Section 4 par. 1, Article XIV of the same Constitution also provides:

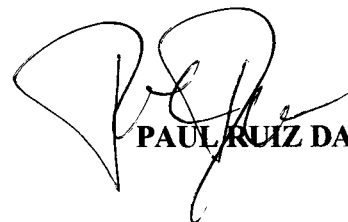
“Section 4. (1) The State recognizes the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the educational system and shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all educational institutions.”

Pursuant to the above constitutional mandate, this bill seeks to improve the delivery of educational services and make the same available to the people of Northern Samar. Currently, in order to reach the regional center in Tacloban City, it would take around six to seven hours of travel which is burdensome.

The State also recognizes the role of the youth in society and education plays a vital role in the total human development. It is because of this that we need to ensure that students of higher educational institutions have easy access to the service of government agencies tasked to promote and prioritize education as catalyst of the country's growth and development.

If this bill will be passed into law, the people of Northern Samar will have an easier access to CHED for their educational concerns such as, but not limited to, applying or following up for student financial assistance and grants.

In view of the foregoing, the passage 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 NORTHERN SAMAR, 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  
2 Higher Education (CHED) in the Province of Northern Samar, to be known as the CHED-  
3 Northern Samar Provincial Office, which shall exercise jurisdiction over the said province and  
4 shall be headed by a provincial director. The CHED-Northern Samar Provincial Office shall  
5 be located in the Municipality of Catarman, Province of Northern Samar.  
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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-Northern Samar Provincial Office.  
10 The said organizational structure and staffing pattern shall be submitted to the Chairperson of  
11 the CHED and the Secretary of the DBM 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-Northern Samar Provincial Office.  
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16       **SEC. 4.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included  
17 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 approval.  
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22       **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
23 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved.*