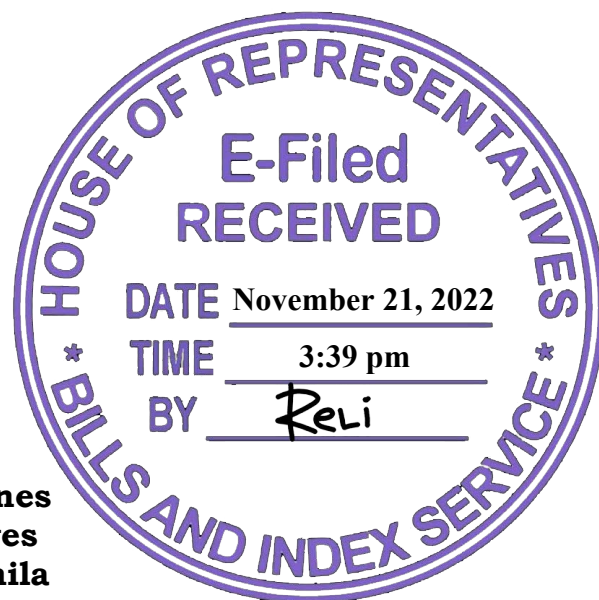




**Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6234



Introduced by Representative Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Provincial Office in the City of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte. Furthermore, this measure aims to extend all programs and projects of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Central Office to the province for faster and more efficient implementation of programs and projects in all Higher Educational Institutions in the whole province of Ilocos Norte.

In virtue of Republic Act No. 7722 or the “Higher Education Act of 1994,” 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. Accordingly, since the establishment of CHED, it has provided programs and projects aimed at enhancing the quality of higher education and providing equal opportunities to all financially burdened students who would still like to gain educational degrees.

Presently, the nearest CHED office from the first district of Ilocos Norte is the Regional Office in San Fernando, La Union, which would take at least four (4) hours of travel. Some of our constituents have raised concerns concerning their programs and projects. However, due to distance, students have experienced difficulty following up on their student subsidies or financial assistance. They would generally ask aid to our district office to relay it to CHED.

The approval of this bill will not only provide a faster and more efficient implementation of all programs and projects of the commission but would further benefit all students of Ilocos Norte in addressing their concerns and improving their services.

Hence, this representation seeks the passage of this measure.



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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION AND
HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE CITY OF LAOAG TO BE KNOWN AS
CHED-ILOCOS NORTE PROVINCIAL OFFICE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

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2 **Section 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the “CHED-Ilocos Norte
3 Provincial Office Act”.

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5 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – In accordance with Sections 1 and 4 of Article
6 XIV of the 1987 Constitution, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote
7 the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take
8 appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. It further recognizes
9 the complementary roles of public and private institutions in the educational
10 system and shall exercise reasonable supervision and regulation of all
11 educational institutions.

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13 **Sec. 2. Establishment.** - There is hereby established a Commission on Higher
14 Education (CHED) Provincial Office in the City of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte,
15 under the supervision of CHED, to be known as the CHED-Ilocos Norte Provincial
16 Office, which shall be established in a highly accessible location in the City of
17 Laoag.

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2 **Sec. 3. General Mandate.** - The CHED-Ilocos Norte Provincial Office, herein
3 referred to as 'Office', shall be the extension of the Central Office and the Regional
4 Office of Region 1 primarily to deliver all programs and projects in the City of
5 Laoag and its neighboring municipalities and provinces to further enhance the
6 quality of education for all higher educational institutions established within
7 Ilocos Norte.

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9 **Sec. 4. Organizational Structure.** - Within sixty (60) days from the approval of
10 this Act, the CHED, in coordination with the Department of Budget and
11 Management (DBM), shall determine the organizational structure and staffing
12 pattern of the Office. The organizational structure and staffing pattern shall be
13 submitted to the Commissioner of CHED, to the Regional Director of Region 1
14 and to the Secretary of DBM for approval.

15 The Commissioner of CHED shall immediately include in CHED's system
16 the operationalization of CHED-Laoag Provincial Office.

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18 **Sec. 5. Administration.** - The Office shall be headed by a Provincial Director,
19 under the supervision of CHED, who shall render full-time service and be
20 responsible for its administration and operation.

21 The Provincial Director shall be appointed by the Regional Director of
22 Region 1, with the approval of the Commissioner of CHED in accordance with
23 the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the qualification
24 requirements for such office.

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26 **Sec. 6. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
27 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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29 **Sec. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within sixty (60) days after
30 the approval of this Act, CHED shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and
31 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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33 **Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.** - All provisions of existing laws, presidential decrees
34 or issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules
35 and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
36 hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

1 **Sec. 9. *Separability Clause.*** – If any portion of this Act is declared
2 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
3 provisions not affected thereby.

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5 **Sec. 10. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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8 Approved,