

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

20TH Congress

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1100



Introduced by Representative **CAROLINE B. AGYAO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill which seeks to establish the CHED- Kalinga Provincial Office is a refiled bill from the 18th Congress which has been approved by both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and education plays an important part to protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. Education is widely seen as a tool to improve the socio-economic status of a person, and that better accessibility to education will not only improve the economic life of the people but even their social and political conditions. Sadly though, not all of our youth get to reach the tertiary level of education due to financial constraints. Many of our poor students have to drop out from college due to lack of access to government agencies and programs tasked to prioritize education as a catalyst for change and progress.

In the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), the Regional Office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is situated in La Trinidad, Benguet, which is more than Three Hundred Kilometers from the Province of Kalinga. The CHED Regional Office covers the Provinces of Benguet, Kalinga, Apayao, Ifugao, Abra, Mountain Province and the City of Baguio, and Kalinga is the farthest from the Regional Center. The travel time from the Province of Kalinga to Benguet where the CHED Regional Office is located, is about eight to twelve hours, thus the stakeholders from the academe, staff and administrators of higher learning institutions, as well as our students, have to travel far and wide, and spend huge amount of time and money to reach and transact with the CHED Regional Office.

This measure then proposes the establishment of a CHED Provincial Office in the Province of Kalinga to provide the people, especially our young students, easy access for their educational concerns, such as processing applications for scholarship grants and securing documents for employment purposes, among others.

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 KALINGA, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Province of Kalinga, an office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to be known as the CHED- Kalinga Provincial Office. It shall be headed by a provincial director.

SEC. 2. The CHED shall determine the organizational structure and staffing pattern for the CHED- Kalinga Provincial Office and submit the same to the Department of Budget and Management for approval.

SEC. 3. The Chairperson of the CHED shall immediately include in the CHED's Program the operationalization of the CHED- Kalinga Provincial Office.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the CHED shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,