

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5883



Introduced by the **Honorable ANIELA BIANCA D. TOLENTINO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The province of Cavite has seventy-four (74) higher education institutions. These colleges and universities serve the youth of the families of the estimated 4.6 million population of Cavite. The 2020 census showed that the Province of Cavite has a population of 4,344,829. With an annual population growth of more than 600,000, the estimation for 2025 is that the population of Cavite is more than 4.6 million.

Education is the most important component in nation-building, ensuring that the Philippines will have productive and law-abiding citizens in the future. As such, it is imperative that the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) will have a laser-focused approach in managing the higher education institutions in each province in the country. With the big population of people and higher education institutions in Cavite, the establishment of a provincial office of CHED in Cavite is necessary and long overdue.

The proposed law herein will address the need for the creation of the CHED-Cavite Provincial Office, which shall be located in Tagaytay City. Tagaytay City is a hub of commerce and tourism, the students of higher educations in Cavite will be best served in the cool and scenic location of city.

The establishment of the CHED-Cavite Provincial Office will facilitate a more direct and convenient access to services of CHED to students and their families of Cavite. At this point, it is elucidating to point that the 1987 Constitution mandates that "*The State 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 1, Article XIV, 1987 Constitution**]. Further, the Constitution likewise states that "*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” [Section 4, Article XIV, 1987 Constitution]. This cited twin constitutional mandates justify the creation of the CHED-Cavite Provincial Office. The current set-up where stakeholders of higher education institutions in Cavite still need to transact in the CHED Regional Office IV in Lipa City, Batangas is no longer adequate.

This representation believes that the creation of the CHED-Cavite Provincial Office will greatly benefit a lot of students and their families in Cavite.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of the bill is earnestly being sought.

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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION
ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE,
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 a Provincial Office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the Province of Cavite, to be known as CHED-Cavite Provincial Office, which shall exercise jurisdiction over the province. It shall be under the jurisdiction of the CHED Regional Office IV.

SECTION 2. The CHED-Cavite Provincial Office shall be headed by a Provincial Director and shall be located in Tagaytay City, Province of Cavite.

SECTION 3. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the CHED, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), shall determine the organizational structure and staffing pattern for the CHED-Cavite Provincial Office. The organizational structure and staffing pattern of CHED-Cavite Provincial Office shall be submitted and approved by the Chairperson of CHED and the DBM Secretary.

SECTION 4. The Chairperson of CHED shall immediately include the operationalization of the CHED-Cavite Provincial Office in the plans and programs of CHED.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. Within sixty (60) days after the enactment of this Act, CHED shall issue the appropriate and necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette and at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,