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HOUSE BILL NO. 5158



Introduced by Hon. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano

**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FIELD OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER
EDUCATION (CHED) IN VIGAN CITY, ILOCOS SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the role of the youth in society and education plays a vital role in the total human development giving the youth the necessary skills to build the nation as well as providing the means for them to uplift their socio-economic status thus promoting social progress among the people. Only a fraction of our students get to reach the tertiary level and finish acquiring a college degree.

It is because of this that there is a 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 a catalyst of the country's growth and progress. This measure aims to provide the people of Ilocos Sur access to CHED for their educational concerns such as, but not limited to, applying or following up applications for student financial assistance and grants, and securing eligibility and other documents for employment purposes.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Field Office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the Province of Ilocos Sur, which shall exercise jurisdiction over the said Province. The CHED Field Office in the Province of Ilocos Sur shall be known as the CHED Ilocos Sur Field Office which shall be located in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur.

SECTION 2. The CHED-Ilocos Sur Field Office shall be headed by a provincial director.

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 formulate an organizational structure, staffing pattern and plantilla positions for the CHED-Ilocos Sur Field Office. The said organizational structure, staffing pattern and plantilla positions shall be finalized by the CHED Chairperson and the DBM Secretary.

SECTION 4. The CHED Chairperson shall immediately include in the CHED's programs the operationalization of the CHED-Ilocos Sur Field Office.

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

SECTION 6. This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved,