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House Bill No. 5765



Introduced by **Rep. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA**
2nd District, Ilocos Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Field Office in the Province of Ilocos Norte to provide students and their parents easy access to programs and services of CHED. This would help provide a more efficient and effective program and service delivery, particularly in following up applications for student financial assistance and grants, scholarships, securing eligibility and documents for employment purposes, and other educational concerns.

Establishing a field office devoted to the needs of the province of Ilocos Norte would certainly save time, money, and resources of students, parents, teachers, staff, school administrators, and CHED personnel. This is in line with the administration's policy to provide efficient public service for our people.

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


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

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

SECTION 1. *CHED-Ilocos Norte Field Office.* – A Field Office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the Province of Ilocos Norte is hereby established to be known as CHED-Ilocos Norte Field Office, which shall exercise jurisdiction over the said Province. The field office shall be located in Bataac City.

SECTION 2. *Head of the Field Office.* – The CHED-Ilocos Norte Field Office shall be headed by a provincial director.

SECTION 3. *Organizational Structure.* – 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 Norte Field Office. The said organization structure, staffing pattern and plantilla positions shall be finalized by CHED Chairperson and the DBM Secretary.

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

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

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* – This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,