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**HOUSE BILL NO. 6120**



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First District, Bohol

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Central Visayas region is composed of four provinces separated by seas. Hence, public transactions are always a challenge specially where all regional offices of Departments are located at Cebu City.

The presence of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) office only at Cebu City poses such problem. The Province of Bohol is home to around 24 higher education institutions – both public and private. Students who need to apply for financial assistance, grants and scholarships as well as those who need to secure eligibility and other documentary requirements for employment and other education purposes are compelled to travel to Cebu for their transactions.

Hence, to avoid the unnecessary expenses, effort and waste of time, the establishment of a field office of the CHED in the province of Bohol is a necessary move. It further serves as an affirmation of the call of the President, His Excellency Rodrigo R. Duterte, to improve the delivery of public services in the provinces.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the passage of this law is earnestly sought.

  
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**“AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A FIELD OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION (CHED) IN TAGBILARAN CITY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

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

**SECTION 1. CHED-province of Bohol Field Office.** – There shall be established a field office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the Province of Bohol which shall exercise jurisdiction over the said province. The field office shall be located in Tagbilaran City and shall be known as the CHED-Bohol Filed Office.

**SEC. 2. Head of the Field Office.** – The CHED-Bohol Field Office shall be headed by a provincial director.

**SEC. 3 Organizational Structure and Appointment of Personnel.** – 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-Bohol Field Office. The said organizational structure, staffing pattern and plantilla positions shall be finalized by the CHED Chairperson and the DBM Secretary.

**SEC. 4. Operationalization.** – The CHED Chairperson shall immediately include in the CHED’s programs the operationalization of the CHED-Province of Bohol Field Office.

**SEC. 5. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the operation of the CHED-Province of Bohol Field Office shall be charged against the current year’s appropriations of the Commission on Higher Education. Thereafter, such amount necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The CHED, in consultation with the DBM, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 7. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,