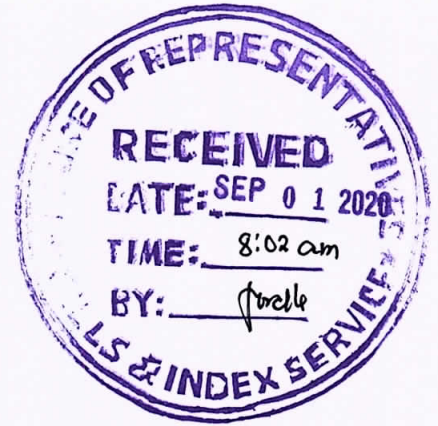


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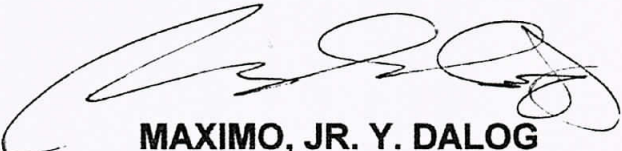
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Bill seeks to establish a provincial office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in the province of Mountain Province, to be known as the "Commission on Higher Education (CHED)-Mountain Province Provincial Office."

The capital town of Bontoc, Mountain Province where the higher education institutions are mostly located is about 140 kilometers more or less or more than a five (5)-hour drive away from the CHED Regional Office located at the BSU Compound, La Trinidad, Benguet.

The establishment of a CHED Provincial Office in the province of Mountain Province will facilitate the coordination of the Mountain Province State Polytechnic College, the lone state college in the province, Xijen Institute of Technology, a privately-owned college and the other eleven (11) Technical and Vocational Institutions in the province. In addition, it will make the services of the CHED accessible to these Higher Education Institutions and to their students.

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

  
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED)-MOUNTAIN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL OFFICE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;**

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

**Section 1. *Establishment.*** There shall be established a provincial office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), to be known as the CHED-Mountain Province Provincial Office, which shall exercise jurisdiction over said province and shall be headed by a provincial director. The CHED-Mountain Province Provincial Office shall be located at Bontoc, Mountain Province.

**Section 2. *Organization.*** 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-Mountain Province Provincial Office and submit the same to the Secretary of the DBM for approval.

**Section 3. *Operationalization.*** The Chairperson of the CHED shall immediately include in the CHED's program, the operationalization of the CHED-Mountain Province Provincial Office.

**Section 4. *Appropriation.*** The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act, and its continued implementation thereafter, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**Section 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** The CHED shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

**Section 6. *Separability Clause.*** If, for any reason, any section of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall remain in force and in effect.

**Section 7. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules and regulations, contrary to or inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are repealed and amended accordingly.

**Section 8. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

***Approved,***