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FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, UGBOHA, EDO STATE

(ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

*Clause:*

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# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, UGBOHA, EDO STATE TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR FULL TIME AND PART TIME COURSES AND MANPOWER TRAINING IN EDUCATION AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLLEGE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. SergiusOse Ogun*

[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows-

- 1           **1.**-(1)There is hereby established the Federal College of Education, UgbohaEdo State (in this Bill referred to as "the College").
- 2           (2) The college shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.
- 3           (3) The College may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- 4           **2.**-(1) The governance and direction of the college affairs shall rest in the governing council of the college (in this bill referred to as "the Council").
- 5           (2) The Council shall have the responsibility to consider and approve:
- 6           (a) The Programme of studies to be undertaken in the College;
- 7           (b) The annual estimates of the college and
- 8           (c) The investment plan of the college.
- 9           (3) The provisions of the schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the council as mentioned herewith.
- 10           **3.**-(1) The Council of the college shall consist of:
- 11           (a) A Chairman and other members to be appointed by the President;
- 12           (b) Membership of the Council in the College

	1	(b) A representative of the Federal Ministry of Education;
	2	(c) A representative of the University to which the college is affiliated
	3	for the purpose of moderation;
	4	(d) Two representatives of the academic board of the College;
	5	(e) A representative of the National Commission for the College of
	6	Education; and
	7	(f) The Provost of the College.
Tenure of Members of the Council	8	<b>4.-(1)</b> A member of the council (other than the ex-officio members)
	9	shall hold office for a term of four years and subject to the provision of
	10	subsection (2) of this section shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further
	11	period of four years and no more.
	12	(2) The office of a member appointed under section 3 of this Bill shall
	13	become vacant if:
	14	(a) The member resigns from office by notice in writing under his
	15	hand addressed to the Minister; or
	16	(b) The Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the college
	17	for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the person in writing
	18	to that effect.
Functions of the College	19	<b>5.</b> The functions of the college shall be:
	20	(a) To provide full-time courses in teaching instruction and training:
	21	(i) In technology, applied sciences, arts, social science, humanities
	22	and management; and
	23	(ii) In such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of
	24	development of Nigeria;
	25	(b) To conduct courses in Education for qualified teachers;
	26	(c) To arrange conference, seminars and workshops relative to the
	27	functions of the college; and
	28	(d) To perform such other functions as in the opinion of the council
	29	may serve to promote the objective of the college.

- 1                   **6.** The council of the college shall have power to: Power of the  
Council
- 2                   (a) Hold examinations and grant NCE, Diplomas, Professional
- 3                   Certificates and other distinctions to persons, who have pursued a course of
- 4                   study approved and accredited by the National Commission for Colleges of
- 5                   Education;
- 6                   (b) Hold examinations in education for qualified teachers;
- 7                   (c) Recruit staff and determine structure of such staff;
- 8                   (d) Demand and receive from any student or any other person
- 9                   attending the college for the purpose of instruction such fees as the council
- 10                  may with the approval of the Minister from time to time determine;
- 11                  (e) Hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and
- 12                  bookselling;
- 13                  (f) Award fellowship, medals prizes and other titles;
- 14                  (g) Establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units
- 15                  within the college or extra moral departments as the council may from time
- 16                  to time determine;
- 17                  (h) Erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational,
- 18                  recreational and residential facilities as the college may require;
- 19                  (i) Create lectureships and other academic post and offices and to
- 20                  make appointment thereof;
- 21                  (j) Receive and make gifts;
- 22                  (k) Enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for
- 23                  carrying into effect the objectives of the college;
- 24                  (l) Provide amenities for and make such other provision for the
- 25                  welfare of the staff and students of the college;
- 26                  (m) Encourage and make provision for research in the college;
- 27                  (n) Do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the
- 28                  foregoing power as may advance the objects of the college.
- 29                  **7.-(1)** The minister responsible for education shall be the visitor of Visitation
- 30                  the college.

	1	(2) The visitor shall, not less than once in five years conduct a
	2	visitation to the college or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than
	3	five experts to conduct the visitation:
	4	(a) For the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative
	5	performance of the college; or
	6	(b) For such other purpose as the visitor may deem fit.
Academic Board and Functions	7	<b>8.</b> -(1) There shall be established for the college a Board to be known
	8	as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members:
	9	(a) The Provost of the college as the Chairman;
	10	(b) All heads of departments;
	11	(c) The college Bursar;
	12	(d) The college Librarian;
	13	(e) Not more than three members of the Academic staff other than the
	14	heads of departments to be appointed by the council.
	15	(2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:
	16	(a) The direction and management of academic matters of the college
	17	including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates,
	18	scholarships, prizes and other academic distinction;
	19	(b) Discharging any other function(s) which the council may from
	20	time to time delegate to it.
Power of the Minister	21	<b>9.</b> The Minister may give to the council directions of a general
	22	character or relating generally to matters with regard to the exercise by the
	23	council of its functions and it shall be the duty of the council to comply with
	24	such directions.
The Provost of the College	25	<b>10.</b> -(1) There shall be a Provost for the college (hereinafter referred to
	26	as 'the Provost') who shall be appointed by the President on the
	27	recommendation of the Minister.
	28	(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the Provost, the Council
	29	shall:



1 (a) Advertise the vacancy in a reputable widely read newspaper in  
2 Nigeria stating:

3 (i) The qualities of the person who may apply for the post;  
4 (ii) The terms and conditions of service applicable to the post and  
5 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration of the  
6 minister.

7 (3) The President shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates  
8 recommended by the Minister.

9 (4) Subject to the general control of the Council the Provost shall  
10 be the Chief Executive of the college and shall be charged with general  
11 responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management and  
12 operations of the college.

13 (5) The Provost shall hold office for a period of five years only and  
14 on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of  
15 appointment.

16 **11.**-(1) There shall be for the college two Deputy Provosts namely: Deputy Provost  
17 Deputy Provost (Administration) and Deputy Provost (Academics).

18 (2) The council shall select the Deputy Provosts from among the  
19 chief lecturers in the college in any of the following ways, that is:

20 (a) From a list of five candidates in order of preference submitted  
21 by the provost or

22 (b) On the recommendation of a selection Board constituted for  
23 their purpose; or

24 (c) On the recommendation of the Provost.

25 (3) The selection Board referred to in subsection (2)(b) of this  
26 section shall:

27 (a) Consist of:

28 (i) The Chairman of the Council;

29 (ii) The Provost of the College;

30 (iii) Two members of the Academic Board; and

1 (iv) Two members of the council not being members of the Academic  
2 Board.

3 (4) (a) The Deputy Provost (Administration) shall:

4 (i) Assist the Provost in administrative matters of the college; and

5 (ii) Act as the Provost when the post of the Provost is vacant or if the  
6 Provost is for any reason, absent or unable to perform his function.

7 (b) The Deputy Provost (Academics) shall:

8 (i) Assist the Provost in the performance of his functions in Academic  
9 matters of the college;

10 (ii) Perform such other functions as the Provost or the council may  
11 from time to time assign to him.

12 (5) Each of the Deputy Provosts shall hold office for a period of two  
13 years and no more.

The Registrar  
and other staff  
of the College

14 **12.**-(1) There shall be a Registrar for the college to be appointed by  
15 the Council.

16 (2) The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the  
17 correspondence of the council.

18 (3) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to:

19 (a) The Council;

20 (b) The Academic Board; and

21 (c) Any Committee of the Council.

22 (4) The Registrar may perform any duty as may be assigned to him by  
23 the Council or the Provost.

24 (5) The Registrar shall hold office for a period of five years and no  
25 more.

Other Principal  
Officers of the  
College

26 **13.**-(1) There shall be for the college in addition to the Registrar:

27 (a) The Bursar; and

28 (b) The College Librarian who shall be appointed by the Council.

29 (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the college and be  
30 responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control of the

1 financial affairs of the college.

2 (3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the  
3 administration of the college library and the coordination of the library  
4 services in the teaching units of the college

5 (4) The Bursar and the College Librarian shall each hold office for  
6 a period of five years and no more.

7 **14.** A Principal Officer of the College may resign his appointment: Resignation of  
Appointment of  
Principal Officers  
of the College  
8 (a) In case of the Provost by notice to the Visitor; and  
9 (b) In any other case by notice to the Council.

10 **15.** The Council may appoint other persons to be employees of the Other employees  
of the College  
11 college as the Council may deem fit, to assist the Provost and the Principal  
12 Officers of College in the performance of their functions.

13 (2) The remuneration, tenure of office and condition of service of  
14 the employees of the college shall be determined by the council in  
15 consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission.

16 **16.** Service in the College shall be approved service for the Pensions  
17 purpose of the pension reform and accordingly, officers and other persons  
18 employed in the college shall be entitled to pension's gratuity and other  
19 retirement benefits as may be prescribed in their respective letters of  
20 appointment.

21 **17.-(1)** There shall be a selection Board for the College which shall Selection Board  
for other Principal  
Officers  
22 consist of:

23 (a) The Chairman of the Council;  
24 (b) The Provost of the College;  
25 (c) Four Members of the Council not being members of the  
26 Academic Board; and  
27 (d) Two members of the Academic Board.

28 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the  
29 selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be  
30 determined from time to time by the council.

Fund of the College	1	<b>18.-(1)</b> The college shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be
	2	applied towards the promotion of the objectives of the college.
	3	(2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under
	4	subsection (1) of this section:
	5	(a) Such sums as may from time to time be granted by the Federal
	6	Government through the National Commission for Colleges of Education;
	7	(b) All monies raised by the Council by way of gifts, grants in aid or
	8	testamentary disposition; and
	9	(c) All subscription fees and charges for services rendered by the
	10	council and all sums that may accrue to the council from any source.
	11	(3) The council shall submit to the minister through the National
	12	Commission for Colleges of Education not later than three months before the
	13	end of each financial year or at such other times as he may direct an estimate of
	14	its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year.
Power to accept gifts	15	<b>19. -(1)</b> The college may accept gifts of loan, money, or of other
	16	property upon such terms and conditions, if any as may be specified by the
	17	person making the gifts.
Account and Audit	18	(2) The college shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached to
	19	the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the college.
	20	<b>20.</b> The college shall keep proper accounts of its receipt, payments,
Annual Reports	21	assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the account to be
	22	audited.
	23	<b>21.</b> The council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each
Interpretation	24	financial year, prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its activities
	25	during the immediate preceding financial year and shall include in the report a
	26	copy of the audited accounts of the college for that year and of the auditor's
	27	report of the accounts.
	28	<b>22.-(1)</b> In this Bill:
	29	"Chairman" means chairman of council;
	30	"College" means the Federal College of Education, Ugboha, established under

1 section (1) of this Bill;

2 "Council" means the Governing Council of the College established under

3 section (2) of this Bill;

4 "Function" includes power and duties

5 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for education;

6 "Member" means a member of the council including the Chairman;

7 "Provost" means the Provost established under section (1) of this Bill.

8 **23.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Education, Short title

9 Ugboha, Edo State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2021.

1 SCHEDULE

2 *[Section 2(3)]*

3 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC

4 *Terms of Service*

5 1. There may be paid to the members of the council or any committee  
6 other than ex-officio members, such remuneration and allowances as may from  
7 time to time be determined by the President.

8 2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in  
9 section 3, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for  
10 the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor in office and such  
11 successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.

12 3. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its  
13 membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a  
14 member.

15 *Proceedings*

16 4.-(1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of its business at such  
17 time, place and on such days as the Chairman may appoint but shall meet not  
18 less than once every four months.

19 (2) The Chairman may at any time and shall, at the request in writing  
20 of not less than six members, convene a meeting of the council.

21 (3) Where the council desires to obtain the advice of any person on  
22 any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not members of  
23 the council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the  
24 council.

25 (4) The quorum of the council shall be one half of the total members of  
26 the Council, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the  
27 President.

28 (5) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple  
29 majority of members.

1 *Miscellaneous*

2 5.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the college shall be authenticated by  
3 the signature of the Chairman, Provost and of some members of the Council  
4 authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.

5 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a  
6 person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal  
7 may be made executed on behalf of the college by any person generally or  
8 specially authorized to act for that purpose by the council.

9 (3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of  
10 the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is  
11 proved, be presumed to be so executed.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Education, Ugboha, Edo State as Institute to offer full-time courses leading to the award of National Certificates of Education, Diplomas and Certificate Courses to ensure access to tertiary education in the Country.





NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ORIA, EDO STATE  
(ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2021  
ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

*Clause:*

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AGRICULTURE, ORIA, EDO STATE

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2. Establishment and Composition of the Council of the Institute
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# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, ORIA, EDO STATE TO PROVIDE FOR COURSES IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE INSTITUTE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun*

[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR

2 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, ORIA, EDO STATE

Establishment  
of the National  
Institute for  
Agricultural  
Research, Oria,  
Edo State

3 1.-(1) There is established the Federal Institute of Agriculture,  
4 Oria, Edo State (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute").

5 2.-(1) There shall be established a Council for the Institute (in this  
6 Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall be a body corporate with  
7 perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its  
8 corporate name.

Establishment  
and Composition  
of the Council of  
the Institute

9 (2) The Council shall consist of a Chairman and the following other  
10 members, that is:

11 (a) The Rector of the Institute;

12 (b) A representative of the Academic Board of the Institute elected  
13 by the Board;

14 (d) A representative of the University to which the Institute is  
15 affiliated;

16 (e) A representative of the Agricultural Research Council of  
17 Nigeria;

18 (f) A representative of a Federal Utility Statutory Corporation;

1 (g) A representative of the community where the Institute is situated;  
 2 (h) A representative of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture;  
 3 (i) A representative of the Federal Ministry of Education;  
 4 (k) A representative of the State Ministry of Education;  
 5 (l) five (5) other persons, at least one of whom must be a woman to be  
 6 selected each on personal merit based on contributions to development of  
 7 agriculture or with special interest in agricultural education;  
 8 (m) The Registrar (non-member) shall be Secretary to the Governing  
 9 Council.

10 (3) The Chairman and members for the Council other than ex-officio  
 11 members shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the  
 12 Minister of Education.

13 (4) The provision of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with  
 14 respect to the proceedings of the Council and the other matters mentioned  
 15 therein.

Visitation

16 **3.-(1)** The Minister of Education shall be the Visitor to the Institute  
 17 (2) The Visitor shall not less than once in every five (5) years conduct  
 18 a visitation to the Institute by appointing a Visitation Panel.  
 19 (3) The Visitation Panel shall consist of not less than five (5) experts  
 20 with relevant experience in areas provided for in clause 6 (1) (a) of this Bill to:  
 21 (a) evaluate academic and administrative performance of the  
 22 Institute; and  
 23 (b) for such other purpose as the Visitor may deem fit.

Tenure of Office  
of Council Members

24 **4.-(1)** The Chairman and other members of the Governing Council  
 25 shall hold office for a period of three (3) years from the date of appointment and  
 26 may be eligible for re-appointment for a further term of three (3) years and no  
 27 more thereafter.  
 28 (2) Where a vacancy exists due to resignation, death, or removal of a  
 29 member, a successor representing the same interest group shall be appointed to  
 30 hold office for the remaining tenure of his predecessor, and the successor shall

1 represent the same interest as his predecessor.

2 (3) Every member shall be paid appropriate stipends during his  
3 tenure in office in accordance with rates specified from time to time by the  
4 National Council of Ministers.

5 (4) A member of Council may resign his appointment by a notice in  
6 writing addressed to the Minister of Education.

7 **PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS**

8 **5.-(1)** The functions of the Institute shall be:

Functions of the  
Institute

9 (a) To provide Full-time and Part-time courses in Agricultural  
10 Sciences, Agric economics and Certificates in specialized programmes;

11 (b) To provide facilities and encourage research in all its area of  
12 focus to aid the development of Nigeria in the areas of Agriculture, etc;

13 (c) To organize conferences, seminars and study groups relevant to  
14 the fields of learning specified in sub section (1) (a) in this section.;

15 (d) To perform such other functions which in the opinion of the  
16 Institute, may serve to promote its objectives;

17 (e) To provide a well-developed and articulate agricultural  
18 research programme through consistent research, development and constant  
19 contact with renowned institutions and appropriate industries;

20 (f) To provide appropriate training and vocational dexterity for a  
21 self-reliant and focused Nigerian student, and also to provide requisite skills  
22 for employers of labour;

23 (g) To perform such other functions as in the opinion of the  
24 Council, may serve to promote the objectives of the Institute; and

25 (h) To carry out other activities as are necessary and expedient for  
26 the full discharge of any of its functions pursuant to this Bill.

27 **6.-(1)** Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council:

Functions of the  
Governing Council

28 (a) Shall be responsible for the general management of the affairs  
29 of the Institute and in particular, the control of the property and finances of  
30 the Institute;

1 (b) Shall have power to do anything which in its opinion is calculated  
2 to facilitate the carrying out of activities of the Institute and promote its best  
3 interest;

4 (c) Shall set up committees for the purpose of working on specific  
5 matters and making recommendations to the National Council for Agricultural  
6 Research Institutes for necessary action;

7 (d) Shall provide pieces of advice as may be necessary, for the interest  
8 of the Institute on any matter referred to it;

9 (e) May enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for  
10 carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill;

11 (f) Shall perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council  
12 may serve to promote the objectives of the Institute.

13 (2) The Minister may give to the Institute directives of a general  
14 character or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise  
15 by the Institute of its functions under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the  
16 Institute to comply with such directives.

Powers of the  
Institute

17 7. The Institute shall have power to:

18 (a) Award certificates for courses provided by it under clause 4 (1) (a)  
19 of this Bill;

20 (b) Enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for  
21 carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill;

22 (c) Acquire, hold, lease, sell, mortgage or otherwise alienate or  
23 dispose of any property, movable, or immovable;

24 (d) Invest its funds in such manner and to such extent as it may deem  
25 necessary or expedient;

26 (e) Establish and maintain a library, comprising such books, journals,  
27 records, reports and other publications and information systems as may be  
28 required for the discharge of the functions conferred on the Institute by this  
29 Bill;

30 (f) Accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and

1 conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making  
2 the gift; provided that the Institute shall not accept any gift if the terms and  
3 conditions attached thereto are inconsistent with its functions under this  
4 Bill.

5 **PART III - STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE**

6 **8.-(1) Appointment of the Rector**

Appointment of  
Principal Officers

7 (a) The President shall appoint for the Institute a Rector who shall  
8 be the chief academic and administrative officer of the Institute;

9 (b) Where a vacancy occurs in the position of Rector, the Council  
10 shall advertise and follow such procedure as provided in section 8 (2) (3) (4)  
11 and (5) of the Federal Polytechnics Act;

12 (c) The Rector shall be responsible for:

13 (i) The day-to-day administration of the Institute;

14 (ii) The exercise of general authority over the employees of the  
15 Institute;

16 (iii) The discipline of students in the Institute.

17 (d) The Rector shall hold office for a period of four (4) years from  
18 the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as  
19 may be determined by the Minister as set out in his letter of appointment;

20 (e) The Rector may be re-appointed for a further period of four (4)  
21 years and no more.

22 **(2) Appointment of the Deputy Rector:**

23 (a) The Deputy Rector shall be appointed by the Council as  
24 specified in section 9 of the Federal Polytechnics Act;

25 (b) The Deputy Rector shall assist the Rector in the performance of  
26 his functions and shall act in the place of the Rector when the Rector is  
27 absent or unable to perform his functions or when the position of Rector is  
28 vacant;

29 (c) The Deputy Rector shall perform such other functions as the  
30 Rector may from time to time assign;

1           (d) The Deputy Rector shall hold office for the period of two (2) years  
2     from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as  
3     may be specified in the letter of appointment. He may be re-appointed for a  
4     further period of two (2) years and no more.

5           (3) Appointment of the Registrar:

6           (a) The Council shall appoint a Registrar who shall be the secretary to  
7     the Council and attend all the meetings of the Council;

8           (b) The Registrar shall be answerable to the Rector for the day-to-day  
9     administration of the polytechnic and shall perform such other duties as the  
10    Councilor Rector may direct;

11          (c) The Registrar shall be Secretary to the Council, Academic Board  
12    and any other committees of the Council and shall attend all meetings of these  
13    committees unless excused for good reasons by the Chairman of the Council;

14          (d) If the Registrar is for any reason unable to attend a meeting of the  
15    Council, the Chairman of the Council may, after consultation with the Rector,  
16    appoint a suitable person to act as secretary for the particular meeting;

17          (e) The Secretary to Councilor a person appointed to act under sub  
18    clause (3) of this clause, shall not vote on any question before the Councilor  
19    count towards a quorum, unless he is so entitled as a member of the Council;

20          (f) The Registrar shall hold office for a period of five (5) years  
21    beginning from the date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions  
22    as may be specified in the letter of his appointment. He may be re-appointed for  
23    a further period of five (5) years and no more.

24          (4) Appointment of the Bursar:

25          (a) The Bursar shall be appointed by the Council on recommendation  
26    of the selection board constituted under section 9 (3) of the Federal  
27    Polytechnics Act;

28          (b) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the Institute and  
29    shall be responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration and control  
30    of the financial affairs of the polytechnic;



1 (c) The Bursar shall hold office for a period of five (5) years and  
2 may be re-appointed for a further period of five (5) years and no more;

3 (5) Appointment of the Librarian:

4 (a) The Librarian shall be appointed by the Council on  
5 recommendation of the selection board constituted under section 9 (3) of the  
6 Federal Polytechnics Act;

7 (b) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the  
8 administration of the polytechnic library and the coordination of library  
9 services in the academic unit of the polytechnic;

10 (c) The Librarian shall hold office for a period of five (5) years in  
11 the first instance, and may be re-appointed for a further period of five (5)  
12 years and no more.

13 **9.-(1)** A principal officer may resign his appointment:

Resignation of  
Appointment by  
Principal Officers

14 (a) In the case of the Rector, by notice to the Minister of Education;

15 (b) In any other case, by notice to the Council.

16 **10.-(1)** The Council may appoint such other persons to be  
17 employees of the Institute to assist the Rector or other principal officer in  
18 performance of their functions under the Federal Polytechnics Act.

Other Staff of  
the Institute

19 (2) The Power to appoint senior employees shall be exercised by  
20 the Council on the recommendation of the Appointments and Promotions  
21 Committee (Senior), and in the case of junior employees, by the Council on  
22 the recommendation of the Appointments and Promotions  
23 Committee (Junior), under the power vested in the Council pursuant to  
24 paragraph 3 of the Schedule of this Bill.

25 **11.-(1)** The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Bill,  
26 make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the  
27 staff of the Institute and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing,  
28 such regulations may provide for:

Staff Regulations

29 (a) The appointment, promotion and discipline (including  
30 dismissal) of employees of the Institute; and

1 (b) Appeals by such employees against dismissal or other disciplinary  
2 measures, and until such regulations are made, any instrument relating to the  
3 conditions of service of public officers in the polytechnic system shall be  
4 applicable with such modifications as may be necessary to employees of the  
5 Institute.

6 (2) Staff regulations made under sub clause (1) of this clause shall not  
7 have effect until approved by the President and when so approved, they need  
8 not to be published in the Gazette but the Council shall cause them to be  
9 brought to the notice of all affected persons in such a manner as it may, from  
10 time to time, determine.

Pensions

11 **12.**-(1) Pension service in the Institute shall be approved service for  
12 the purposes of the Pensions Act.

13 (2) Officers and other persons employed in the Institute shall be  
14 entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as prescribed in the  
15 Pensions Act, so nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person  
16 to any office on terms which preclude that grant of a pension, gratuity or other  
17 retirement benefit in respect of that office.

18 (3) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pensions  
19 Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other Authority of the  
20 Government of the Federation, other than the power to make regulations under  
21 clause 23 thereof, is vested in and shall be exercisable by the Council and not  
22 by any other person or authority.

23 **PART IV - DISCIPLINE**

Removal of a  
Members of  
Council

24 **13.**-(1) The President may, in writing, remove any member of the  
25 Council from office if it is established that his contributions run counter to the  
26 purpose, interest and objectives of the Institute.

27 (2) If it appears to the Council that a member of Council (other than an  
28 ex-officio member) or the Rector should be removed from office on the ground  
29 of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council  
30 shall make a recommendation to the President, and if the President after

1 making such enquiries as he considers necessary, approves the  
2 recommendation, the President shall, in writing declare the office of such  
3 member vacant.

4 **14.**-(1) If there are reasons for believing that any person employed  
5 as a member of the academic, administrative or technical staff of the  
6 Institute, other than the Rector, should be removed from office on the ground  
7 of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council  
8 shall:

Removal from  
Office of a Staff  
of the Institute

9 (a) Give notice to the person of the reasons in question;

10 (b) Afford him an opportunity to make representations in person on  
11 the matter to the Council; and carry out such investigations and actions  
12 pursuant to section 17 (1) (c) of the Federal Polytechnics Act.

13 (2) The Rector may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the  
14 staff which in the opinion of the Rector is prejudicial to the interests of the  
15 Institute, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be  
16 reported to the Council.

17 (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from  
18 office or his appointment may be terminated by the Council by virtue of its  
19 power pursuant to section 17 (3) of the Federal Polytechnics Act.

20 **15.**-(1) Where it appears to the Rector that any student of the  
21 Institute has been guilty of misconduct, the Rector may, without prejudice to  
22 any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or any  
23 regulations made thereunder, direct that:

Discipline of  
Students

24 (a) the student shall not, during such periods as may be specified in  
25 the direction, participate in such activities of the Institute or make use of  
26 such facilities of the Institute, as he may specify;

27 (b) the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be  
28 specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so  
29 specified;

30 (c) the student be suspended for such period as may be specified in

1 the direction; or

2 (d) the student be expelled from the Institute.

3 (2) Where there is temporarily no Rector or where the Rector refuses  
4 to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through  
5 some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in sub clause  
6 (3) of this clause to any student of the Institute who is guilty of misconduct.

7 (3) Where a direction is given under sub section (1) (c) or (d) of this  
8 section in respect of any student, the student may within 21 days from the date  
9 of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal to the Council and the  
10 Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council  
11 considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such  
12 manner as the Council may deem fit.

13 (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of  
14 sub clause (5) of this clause, shall affect the operation of the direction while the  
15 appeal is pending.

16 (5) The Rector may delegate his powers under this clause to  
17 disciplinary committee, consisting of such staff of the Institute as he may  
18 nominate.

19 (6) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the  
20 restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Institute otherwise than  
21 on the ground of misconduct.

22 (7) It is declared that a direction under sub clause (1) (a) of this clause  
23 may be combined with a direction under sub clause (1) (b) of this clause.

#### 24 PART V - ACADEMIC BOARD

Establishment  
of Academic Board  
of the Institute

25 **16.-(1)** There is established as an integral part of the Institute an  
26 Academic Board which shall consist of:

27 (a) The Rector of the Institute;

28 (b) The Deputy Rector;

29 (c) The Registrar as secretary;

30 (d) The Librarian;

1 (e) Deans / Directors of Schools;  
 2 (f) Heads of Academic Departments / Units;  
 3 (g) not more than two (2) members of the academic staff other than  
 4 Heads of Departments/Units, to be appointed by the Academic Board.

5 (2) The Academic Board shall:

6 (a) give the direction and management of academic matters of the  
 7 Institute including the regulation of admission of students, the award of  
 8 certificates and diplomas, scholarships, prizes and other academic  
 9 distinctions;

10 (b) formulate and continuously evaluate the academic programme  
 11 of the Institute;

12 (c) make periodic reports to the Council on such academic matters  
 13 as the Board may deem fit or as the Council may from time to time direct;  
 14 and

15 (d) the discharge of any other functions which the Council may  
 16 delegate to it.

17 (3) The Rector shall be the Chairman at the meeting of the  
 18 Academic Board and in his absence the Deputy Rector shall preside at such  
 19 meeting, but in the absence of both, the members present at the meeting shall  
 20 appoint one of their number to preside at the meeting.

21 (4) Subject to sub clause (3) of this clause, the Academic Board  
 22 shall have the power to regulate its own procedure.

#### 23 PART VI - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

24 **17.-(1)** The Institute shall establish and maintain a fund from Fund of the  
 25 which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Institute in the Institute  
 26 performance of its functions under this Bill.

27 (2) The fund of the Institute shall include:

28 (a) such sums as may, from time to time, be granted to the Institute  
 29 by the Federal Government;

	1	(b) fees charged by and payable to the Institute in respect of students;
	2	(c) any other amount charged or dues recoverable by the Institute;
	3	(d) revenue from time to time accruing to the Institute by way of
	4	subvention, grants in-aid, endowment or otherwise;
	5	(e) interest on investment; and
	6	(f) donations and legacies accruing to the Institute from any source,
	7	for the general or special purposes of the Institute.
Donations for particular purpose t	8	<b>18.-(1)</b> Donations of money to be applied for any particular purpose
	9	shall be placed to the credit of a special reserve account and may be invested in
	10	such securities or other investments as may be approved by the Minister, until
	11	such time as they may be expended in fulfilment of such purpose; provided that
	12	the Institute shall not accept a donation from a particular purpose, if the terms
	13	and conditions attached to such donation are inconsistent with the functions of
	14	Institute under this Bill.
	15	(2) The interest derived from the investments referred to in sub
	16	section (1) of this clause (unless the terms of the donations otherwise require)
	17	shall be deemed to be revenue of the Institute.
Payment into Bank	18	<b>19.</b> Payment of all sums of money accruable to the Institute except
	19	donations and gifts shall be made through the Federal Government recognized
	20	Remita online platform.
Annual Estimate Accounts and Audit	21	<b>20.-(1)</b> The Institute shall keep proper records and accounts and shall
	22	cause to be prepared not later than 1 October in each financial year, an estimate
	23	of its revenue and expenditure for the ensuing financial year and the estimate
	24	shall be submitted to the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria for
	25	approval.
	26	(2) At the end of each financial year but not later than 30 June the
	27	Institute shall cause to be prepared a statement of its income and expenditure
	28	during the previous financial year.
	29	(3) The statement of accounts referred to in subsection (2) of this
	30	clause shall, when certified by the Rector, be audited by a firm of auditors

1 appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the  
2 Auditor-General of the Federation and shall be published in the annual  
3 report of the polytechnic,

4 **21.** Each council shall cause to be prepared and presented to the Annual Report  
5 president through the minister, a report of the activities during the-preceding  
6 financial year, inclusive of the audited accounts of the polytechnic in respect  
7 of the financial year and the auditors comment not later than 31 December in  
8 each year.

9 **PART VII - MISCELLANEOUS**

10 **22.**-(1) The Council may, within the scope of its authority under Power to make  
bye-laws  
11 this Bill, make bye-laws relating to any internal domestic matters placed -by  
12 this Bill under its control and superintendence other than matters for which  
13 provision is to be made by standing orders under paragraph 1 (1) of the  
14 Schedule to this Bill or in pursuance of paragraph 2 (2) of the said Schedule.

15 (2) All such bye-laws shall be in writing and shall come into force  
16 when sealed with the seal of the Institute, unless some other date for  
17 commencement be therein prescribed.

18 (3) Nothing in sub clause (2) of this Bill shall make it obligatory for  
19 the Council to publish any of the said bye-laws in the Gazette.

20 **23.** The Council may, with approval of the Minister, make Regulations  
21 regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Bill and without  
22 prejudice to the foregoing regulations shall provide:

- 23 (a) the entry into and the type of courses approved for the Institute;  
24 (b) the duration of the courses and academic standards; and  
25 (c) the certificates, diplomas or degrees which may be awarded by  
26 the Institute.

27 **24.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation  
28 "Bye-laws" means bye-laws made under clause 22 of this Bill;  
29 "Council" means governing body of the Institute established under clause 2  
30 of this Bill;

- 1 "Minister" means Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to  
2 education;  
3 "Visitor" means Minister of Education;  
4 "Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;  
5 "Registrar" means the Registrar of the Institute;  
6 "Institute" means National Institute for Agricultural Research established  
7 under clause 1 of this Bill;  
8 "Staff" means all persons employed by the Council to serve at the Institute.

Short title

- 9 **25.** This Bill may be cited as National Institute for Agricultural  
10 Research Oria, Edo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021.



1 SCHEDULE

2 *[Section 2 (4).]*

3 PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

4 1.-(1) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act,  
5 the Council may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the  
6 Council or any committee thereof.

7 (2) The quorum of the Council shall be seven (7) and the quorum of  
8 any committee of the Council shall be as determined by the Council.

9 2.-(1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such  
10 times as the Chairman of the Council may appoint but shall meet not less  
11 than twice in a year and not more than four (4) times in each year and two (2)  
12 emergencies.

13 (2) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board.  
14 Where the Chairman is absent, the members present shall appoint one of  
15 their number to preside over the meeting.

16 (3) No meeting shall hold except a quorum is formed. Notice and  
17 Agenda of proposed meeting as well as minutes of prior regular meeting  
18 shall be circulated to members at least two (2) weeks to the scheduled date of  
19 meeting.

20 (4) For a meeting of the Governing Council to hold, the Chairman  
21 and seven (7) other members shall be and constitute the quorum. Where the  
22 Chairman is absent, any five members including the Rector (or his  
23 representative) shall be and constitute the quorum.

24 (5) In a situation where voting is required to reach a resolution on  
25 any matter, a decision shall be reached by simple majority through a poll or  
26 show of hand. Where there is a tie, the Chairman may cast a deciding vote.

27 (6) Where the Council desires to obtain advice of any person on a  
28 particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period  
29 as it deems fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph

1 shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count  
2 towards the quorum.

3 (7) The Registrar of the Polytechnic shall serve as the Secretary but  
4 non-member of Board. He shall not be considered for the purpose of a quorum  
5 and shall have no voting right.

6 *Committee*

7 3.-(1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out  
8 on behalf of the Council such of its functions as the Council may determine.

9 (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such  
10 number of persons (not necessarily all members of the Council) as may be  
11 determined by the Council; and a person, other than a member of the Council,  
12 shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his  
13 appointment.

14 (3) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until  
15 it is confirmed by the Council.

16 *Miscellaneous*

17 4.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by  
18 the signature of the Chairman and of any other member authorized generally or  
19 specially by the Council to act for that purpose.

20 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made by a person not being a  
21 body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or  
22 executed on behalf of the Institute by the Rector or any person generally or  
23 specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

24 (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under  
25 the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the  
26 contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

27 (4) Members of the Council who are not public officers shall be paid  
28 off of moneys at the disposal of the Council such enumeration; fee or  
29 allowances in accordance with such scale as may be approved, from time to  
30 time, by the President.

1                   (5) The validity of any proceedings of the Council of a committee  
2                   thereof shall not be adversely affected by a vacancy in the membership of the  
3                   Council of a committee or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took  
4                   part in the proceedings.

5                   (6) Any member of the Council or any person holding office in a  
6                   committee of the Council who has a personal interest in any contract or  
7                   arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or  
8                   committee thereof shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Council or  
9                   committee and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or  
10                  arrangement.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the National Institute for Agricultural Research Oria, Edo State to provide for courses in agricultural research and to make provisions for the general administration of the Institute.



FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, UROMI, EDO STATE

(ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

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# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE UROMI, EDO STATE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun*

[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

### 1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE

#### 2 UROMI EDO STATE

3 1.-(1) There is hereby established the Federal Medical Centre  
4 Uromi, Edo State (in this Bill referred to as "the Centre").

Establishment  
of the Federal  
Medical Centre  
Uromi, Edo State

5 (2) The Centre:

6 (a) shall be a body corporate;

7 (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name;

8 (c) shall have perpetual succession and a common seal.

9 2. There is established for the management of the Medical Center a  
10 Board of Management (in this Bill referred to as "Board") which shall be  
11 constituted and have the functions and powers set out in this Bill.

Establishment  
and Composition  
of the Board  
of Management  
of the Medical  
Centre

12 3.-(1) The Board shall consist of:

Membership  
of the Board

13 (a) a Chairman;

14 (b) the Chief Medical Director of the Medical Center;

15 (c) the Head of Clinical Services;

16 (d) the Director of Administration; who shall be the Secretary of  
17 the Board;

18 (e) three persons nominated by the Minister to represent a wide  
19 variety of community interests in health matters;

- 1 (f) one representative of the Federal Ministry of Health;
- 2 (g) one representative of the medical profession not being a person
- 3 who is a member of the FMC concerned;
- 4 (h) one representative from allied health professionals; not being a
- 5 staff of the FMC concerned;
- 6 (i) One representative of the Ministry of Health of the state in which
- 7 FMC is situate;
- 8 (2) The Chairman and Members of the Board, other than ex-officio
- 9 members, shall be:
- 10 (a) appointed by the President; and
- 11 (b) persons of proven integrity and ability.
- 12 (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the First Schedule to this
- 13 Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other
- 14 matters contained therein.

Tenure of office

- 15 **4.** Subject to the provisions of section 5 of this Bill, a member of the
- 16 Board, other than ex-officio members, shall each hold office:
- 17 (a) for a term not exceeding four (4) years;
- 18 (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
- 19 appointment.

Cessation of membership

- 20 **5.-(1)** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of this Bill a person
- 21 shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board if:
- 22 (a) he becomes bankrupt and suspends payment of principal loan with
- 23 his creditors;
- 24 (b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or
- 25 fraud;
- 26 (c) he becomes of unsound mind or is incapable of carrying out his
- 27 duties;
- 28 (d) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties; or
- 29 (e) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications, he
- 30 is disqualified or suspended, other than at his own request, from practicing his



1 profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority  
2 made in respect of that member; or

3 (f) he resigns his appointment by a letter addressed to the President.

4 (2) If a member of the Board ceases to hold office for any reason  
5 whatsoever, before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed,  
6 another person representing the same Interest as that member shall be  
7 appointed to the Board for the unexpired term.

8 (3) A member of the Board may be removed by the President if he is  
9 satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Medical Center or the interest of  
10 the public that the member continues in office.

11 6. There shall be paid to every member of the Board such Allowances of  
12 allowances and expenses as the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal the Board  
13 Commission may, from time to time, direct.

14 PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE BOARD, ETC

15 7.-(1) The Board shall:

16 (a) equip, maintain and operate the Medical Center so as to provide Functions of the  
17 facilities for diagnosis, curative, promotive and rehabilitative services in Board  
18 medical treatment;

19 (b) construct, equip, maintain and operate such training schools  
20 and similar institutions as the Board considers necessary for providing the  
21 Medical Center at all times with a proper staff of the Medical Center  
22 technicians and nurses;

23 (c) construct, equip, maintain and operate such clinics, out-patient  
24 departments, laboratories, research or experimental stations and other like  
25 institutions as the Board considers necessary for the efficient functioning of  
26 the Medical Center.

27 (2) The Board shall ensure that the standards of teaching provided  
28 at all establishments under its control and the standards of treatment and care  
29 provided for patients at those establishments do not fall below those usually  
30 provided by similar establishments of international repute.

Powers of the Board

1 (3) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall perform such other functions  
 2 which in its opinion are calculated to facilitate the carrying out of its functions  
 3 under this Bill.

4 **8.** The Board shall have power to:

5 (a) provide the general policies and guidelines relating to major  
 6 expansion programmes of the Medical Center;

7 (b) provide facilities for the training of medical students of associate  
 8 universities;

9 (c) manage and superintend the affairs of the Medical Center;

10 (d) subject to the provisions of this Bill, make, alter and revoke rules  
 11 and regulations for carrying on the functions of the Medical Center;

12 (e) fix terms and conditions of service, including remuneration of the  
 13 employees of the Medical Centre subject to the approval of the National  
 14 Salaries Incomes and Wages Commission;

15 (f) do such other things which in the opinion of the Board are  
 16 necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Medical  
 17 Center.

#### 18 PART III - STAFF OF THE MEDICAL CENTER

Chief Medical Director of the Medical Centre

19 **9.-(1)** There shall be for the Medical Center a Chief Medical Director  
 20 who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of Hon.  
 21 Minister of Health on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his  
 22 letter of appointment or as may be determined, from time to time, by the  
 23 Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC).

24 (2) The Chief Medical Director shall:

25 (a) be the Chief Medical Director and accounting officer of the  
 26 Medical Center;

27 (b) be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day administration of  
 28 the Medical Center;

29 (c) be appointed for a term of four years in the first instance and may

1 be reappointed for a further term of four years subject to satisfactory  
2 performance;

3 (d) be a person who is a medical practitioner and shall have been so  
4 qualified for a period of not less than 15 years;

5 (e) have considerable administrative experience in matters of  
6 health;

7 (f) hold a post-graduate fellowship of the National Post-Graduate  
8 Medical College of Nigeria or its equivalent qualification obtained not less  
9 than five (5) years prior to the appointment as Chief Medical Director.

10 **10.-(1)** The Board shall appoint for the Medical Center:

Appointment of  
other staff of the  
Medical Centre

11 (a) a Director of Administration, who shall:

12 (i) be responsible to the Chief Medical Director for the effective  
13 functioning of all the administrative divisions of the Medical Center;

14 (ii) conduct the correspondence of the Board and keep the records  
15 of the Medical Center; and (iii) perform such other functions as the Board or  
16 the Chief Medical Director, as the case may be, may, from time to time,  
17 assign to him;

18 (b) a Director of Clinical Services;

19 (c) a Director of Finance;

20 (d) a Director of Maintenance.

21 (2) The Directors appointed under paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of sub  
22 section (1) of this section shall be responsible to the Chief Medical Director  
23 for the effective running of the clinical services, the finance and accounts  
24 and the co-ordination of the maintenance of the Medical Centre as the case  
25 may be.

26 (3) The Board shall appoint for the Medical Center such number of  
27 employees as may in the opinion of the Board be expedient and necessary  
28 for the proper and efficient performance of the functions of the Medical  
29 Center.

30 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of

1 this section the Board shall have power to appoint for the Medical Center either  
2 directly or on secondment from any public service in the Federation, such  
3 number of employees as may, in the opinion of the Board, be required to assist  
4 the Medical Center in the discharge of any of its functions under this Bill.

5 (5) Nothing in subsection (4) of this section shall preclude the Board  
6 from appointing persons from outside the public service of the Federation or of  
7 the State whenever it deems it necessary so to do.

8 (6) The terms and conditions of service (including remuneration,  
9 allowances, benefits and pensions) of the employees of the Medical Center  
10 shall be as determined by the National Salaries Income and Wages  
11 Commission.

Service in the  
Medical Centre  
to be pensionable

12 **11.**-(1) Service in the Medical Center shall be approved service for the  
13 purposes of the Pensions Reforms Act.

14 (2) The officers and other persons employed in the Medical Center  
15 shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are  
16 enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the civil service of the  
17 Federation.

18 (3) Nothing in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall prevent the  
19 appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of  
20 pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

Establishment  
of the Medical  
Advisory  
Committee, etc.

21 **12.**-(1) There shall be for the Medical Center a Medical Advisory  
22 Committee which shall:

23 (a) consist of a chairman who shall be the Head of Clinical Services  
24 and such number of other members as may be determined from time to time;

25 (b) be responsible to the Chief Medical Director for all the clinical and  
26 training activities of the Medical Center; and

27 (c) be appointed by the Board.

28 **PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

Fund of the  
Medical Centre

29 **13.** There shall be established and maintained for the Medical Center  
30 a fund into which shall be paid and credited:

1 (a) all subventions and budgetary allocation from the Government  
2 of the Federation;

3 (b) all fees and funds accruing from the sale of drugs and other  
4 services;

5 (c) all sums accruing to the Medical Center by way of gifts,  
6 endowments, bequests, grants or other contributions by persons and  
7 organizations;

8 (d) foreign aid and assistance from bilateral agencies; and

9 (e) all other sums which may, from time to time, accrue to the  
10 Medical Center.

11 **14.** The hospital shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its Expenditure of  
12 disposal to: the Medical Centre

13 (a) the cost of administration and maintenance of the Medical  
14 Center;

15 (b) publicize and promote the activities of the Medical Center;

16 (c) pay allowances, expenses and other benefits of members of the  
17 Board and committees of the Board;

18 (d) pay the salaries, allowances and benefits of employees of the  
19 Medical Center;

20 (e) pay other overhead allowances, benefits and other  
21 administrative costs of the Medical Center; and

22 (f) undertake such other activities as are connected with all or any  
23 of the functions of the Medical Center under this Bill.

24 **15.-(1)** The Medical Center may accept gifts of land, money or Power to accept  
25 other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by gifts  
26 the person or organization making the gift.

27 (2) The Medical Center shall not accept any gift if the conditions  
28 attached by the person or organization making the gift are inconsistent with  
29 the functions of the Medical Center under this Bill.

Annual estimates and expenditure t	1	<b>16.-(1)</b> The Medical Centre shall, not later than 30 September in each
	2	year, submit to the President through the Secretary to the Government of the
	3	Federation an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Medical Center
	4	during the next succeeding year.
	5	(2) The Medical Centre shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the
	6	Medical Center in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto
	7	and shall cause the accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end
	8	of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the
	9	guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.
Annual Report	10	<b>17.</b> The Medical Centre shall prepare and submit to the President, not
	11	later than 30th June in each year, a report in such form as the President may
	12	direct on the activities of the Medical Center during the immediately preceding
	13	year, and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the
	14	Federal Medical Center for that year and the auditor's report thereon.
Power to borrow	15	<b>18.-(1)</b> The Medical Center may, from time to time, borrow by
	16	overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its
	17	functions under this Bill.
	18	(2) The Medical Center shall not, without the approval of the
	19	President, borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the
	20	President.
	21	(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, where the sum to
	22	be borrowed is in foreign currency, the Medical Center shall not borrow the
	23	sum without the prior approval of the President.
Exemption from tax	24	<b>19.-(1)</b> The Medical Center shall not pay income tax on any income
	25	derived by the Federal Medical Center under this Bill or accruing to it from any
	26	of its investments.
	27	(2) Accordingly, the provisions of any enactment relating to the
	28	taxation of companies or trust funds shall not apply to the Board of the Federal
	29	Medical Center.

1                   **20.** The Medical Center shall not pay customs duty on or be  
2           restricted or prohibited from importing any equipment, material, supply and  
3           any other thing required by the Medical Center for the purposes of this Bill:  
4           Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the  
5           Nigeria Customs Service from inspecting any equipment, or material  
6           imported by the Center.

Exemption from  
customs duties, etc.

## 7 PART V - GENERAL

8                   **21.-(1)** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any                   Discipline of  
9                   other Discipline of 11 enactment, where it appears to the Board that any                   students  
10                  student of the Medical Center has been guilty of misconduct, the Board may,  
11                  without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on it by  
12                  regulations, direct:

(a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the Medical Center, or make use of such facilities of the Medical Center as may be so specified;

(b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;

19 (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified  
20 in the direction; or

21 (d) that the student be expelled from the Medical Center.

(2) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.

(3) The Board may delegate its powers under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Medical Center as the Board may nominate.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of student's activities at the Medical Center otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.

Removal and  
discipline of  
clinical,  
administrative  
and technical  
staff

1 (5) A direction issued under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be  
2 combined with a direction issued under subsection (1) (b) of this section.

3 (6) Nothing in this Bill shall affect the provisions of any enactment  
4 relating to the discipline of medical practitioners, pharmacists, midwives,  
5 nurses or members of any other profession or calling.

6 **22.-(1)** If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing  
7 that any person employed as a member of the clinical, administrative or  
8 technical staff of the Medical Center, other than the Chief Medical Director,  
9 should be removed from his office or employment, the Board shall require the  
10 Director of Administration to:

11 (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;

12 (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on  
13 the matter to the Board; and

14 (c) if the person in question so requests within a period of 1 month  
15 beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements for:

16 (i) a committee to investigate the matter and report on it to the Board;  
17 and

18 (ii) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing  
19 before and being heard by an investigating committee set up with respect to the  
20 matter, and if the Board, after considering the report of the investigating  
21 committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as  
22 aforesaid, the Board may so remove him by a letter signed on the direction of  
23 the Board.

24 (2) The Chief Medical Director may, in a case of misconduct by a  
25 member of the staff which in the opinion of the Chief Medical Director is  
26 prejudicial to the interest of the Medical Center, suspend any such member and  
27 any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board. (3) For good  
28 cause, any member of staff may be suspended from his duties or his  
29 appointment may be terminated or he may be dismissed by the Board and for  
30 the purposes of this section, "good cause" means:



1           (a) a conviction for any offence which the Board considers to be  
2       such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the  
3       functions of his office;

4           (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Board, after  
5       obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person  
6       concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;

7           (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the  
8       Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to  
9       continue to hold his office; or

10          (d) conduct which the Board considers to be such as to constitute a  
11       failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his  
12       office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.

13          (4) Any person suspended shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3)  
14       of this section be on half pay and the Board shall before the expiration of a  
15       period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case  
16       against that person and come to a decision as to:

17           (a) whether to continue the person's suspension and if so, on what  
18       terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);

19           (b) whether to reinstate the person, in which case the Board shall  
20       restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;

21           (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned,  
22       in which case he shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments  
23       withheld during the period of suspension; or

24           (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against the  
25       person (including the restoration of his emoluments that might have been  
26       withheld), as the Board may determine, and in any case where the Board,  
27       pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides  
28       to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Board shall before  
29       the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final  
30       determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.

1           (5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom a letter of removal is  
2 signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section to use his best endeavors to  
3 cause a copy of the letter to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the  
4 person to whom it relates.

5           (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall preclude  
6 the Board from making such regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of  
7 this Bill for the discipline of students and all other categories of employees of  
8 the hospital as the Board may prescribe.

9           (7) Regulations made under subsection (6) of this section need not be  
10 published in the Gazette but the Board shall cause them to be brought to the  
11 notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time,  
12 determine.

Discipline of  
junior staff

13           **23.**-(1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the  
14 Chief Medical Director may suspend him for not more than a period of 3  
15 months and shall direct a committee to:

16           (a) consider the case; and

17           (b) make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by  
18 the Chief Medical Director.

19           (2) In all cases under this section of this Bill, the officer shall be  
20 informed of the charge against him and given a reasonable opportunity to  
21 defend himself.

22           (3) The Chief Medical Director may, after considering the  
23 recommendation made pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of this section, dismiss,  
24 or take such other disciplinary action against the officer concerned.

25           (4) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Chief Medical Director  
26 made under subsection (3) of this section may, within a period of 21 days from  
27 the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to  
28 the Board to reconsider his case.

## 1 PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS

2 **24.**-(1) The Board may, with the approval of the President, make Power to make  
3 regulations (a) as to the access of members of the public either generally or regulations

4 of a particular class, to premises under the control of the Board and as to the  
5 orderly conduct of members of the public on those premises; and

6 (b) for safeguarding any property belonging to or controlled by the  
7 Board from damage by members of the public.

8 (2) Bye-laws under this section shall not come into force until they  
9 are confirmed (with or without modification) by the National Assembly and  
10 published in such manner as he may direct.

11 **25.** The "Minister of Health" may give to the Board directions of a Power to give  
12 general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any directives  
13 individual person or case) with regard to the exercise by the Board of its  
14 functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with  
15 the directions; but no direction shall be given which is inconsistent with the  
16 duties of the Board under this Bill.

17 **26.**-(1) On the commencement of this Bill, any person employed Transitional and  
18 by or serving in, the Medical Center shall be deemed to have been employed Savings Provision  
19 or serving in the Medical Center established under this Bill.

20 (2) All Assets or liabilities belonging to the Medical Center shall be  
21 deemed to belong to the Medical Center established under this Bill.

22 **27.** In this Bill: Interpretation

23 "associate universities" mean the universities whose medical students  
24 receive aspects of their training from the Medical Centre;

25 "Board" means the Board of Management of the Medical Center;

26 "Chairman" means the chairman of the Board;

27 "Federal Medical Centre" means Federal Medical Centre Uromi;

28 "Functions" include powers and duties;

29 "junior staff" means staff of such grade as may be determined, from time to  
30 time, by the Board;

1 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating  
2 to health and

3 "Ministry" shall be construed accordingly;

4 "student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Board for  
5 the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution.

Citation

6 **28.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Center Uromi,  
7 (Establishment) Bill, 2021.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Medical Centre, Uromi, Edo State and to provide for the legal frame work for the administration and due management of the Centre.

## SCHEDULE

*[Section 3 (4)]*

## SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

*Proceedings of the Board*

1.-(1) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of its committees.

(2) The quorum of the Board shall be the chairman or the person presiding at the meeting and 5 other members of the Board, 2 of whom shall be ex officio members, and the quorum of any Committee of the Board shall be as determined by the Board.

2.-(1) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the chairman and if the chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than 8 other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.

(2) At any meeting of the Board, the chairman shall preside but if he is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their members to preside at the meeting.

(3) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such period as it deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this "subsection" shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum.

*Committees*

3.-(1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such functions as the Board may determine.

(2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Board and a person shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

1 (3) A decision of a committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it  
2 is confirmed by the Board.

3 *Miscellaneous*

4 4.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Medical Center shall be  
5 authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman, the Chief Medical Director or  
6 any person generally or specifically authorized by the Board to act for that  
7 purpose.

8 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person  
9 not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made  
10 or executed on behalf of the Medical Center by the Chief Medical Director or  
11 any person generally or specifically authorized by the Board to act for that  
12 purpose.

13 (3) A document purporting to be a document duly executed under the  
14 seal of the Medical Center shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and  
15 until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

16 5. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or of a committee  
17 shall not be adversely affected by:

18 (a) a vacancy in the membership of the Board or committee;

19 (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or  
20 committee; or

21 (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the  
22 proceedings of the Board or committee.

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES ACT TO INCREASE THE  
PENALTIES STIPULATED FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE ACT AND FOR  
RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun*

[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of  
Nigeria as follows:

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|----|--|---------------|
| 1  | 1. The National Archives Act, Cap. N6, Laws of the Federation of                 | Amendment of  |
| 2  | Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the Principal Act) is hereby amended  | the National  |
| 3  | as set out in this Bill.   | Archives Act, |
|    |  | Cap. N6, LFN, |
|    |  | 2004          |
| 4  | 2. Section 50(3) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting five               | Amendment of  |
| 5  | hundred thousand naira in place of two hundred naira and "or to an               | Section 50(3) |
| 6  | imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year immediately" after N200 as        |               |
| 7  | follows:   |               |
| 8  | "A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of this section is    |               |
| 9  | guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five       |               |
| 10 | hundred thousand naira or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one           |               |
| 11 | year or to both such fine and imprisonment".                                     |               |
| 12 | 3. Section 51(3) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting "five              | Amendment of  |
| 13 | hundred thousand naira" in place of four hundred naira and "three years" in      | Section 51(3) |
| 14 | place of twelve months and "two million" in place of N2, 000 as follows:         |               |
| 15 | "A person who contravenes the provisions of this section or of any provision     |               |
| 16 | in any section of this Act for which no special penalty is specified by this Act |               |
| 17 | or any written law is guilty of any offence and liable on conviction/ in case of |               |
| 18 | an individual/ to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand naira or to         |               |
| 19 | imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both such fine and       |               |

	1	imprisonment, and in the case of a body corporate to a fine not exceeding two
	2	million naira”.
Citation	3	<b>4.</b> This Bill may be cited as the National Archives Act (Amendment)
	4	Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Archives Act Cap.N6 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 2004, to increase the penalties stipulated for offences under the Act.



# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSION ACT TO  
PROVIDE FOR ITS FUNDING, REVIEW THE PENALTIES PRESCRIBED FOR  
OFFENCES UNDER THE ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun*

[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of  
Nigeria as follows:

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| <p>1           <b>1.</b> The Public Complaints Commission Act Cap. P37 Laws of the</p> <p>2      Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the Principal</p> <p>3      Act) is hereby amended as set out in this Bill.</p>   | <p>Amendment of<br/>Public Complaints<br/>Commission Act,<br/>Cap. P37 LFN,<br/>2004</p> |
| <p>4           <b>2.</b> The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section 4</p> <p>5      immediately before the extant section 4 as follows:</p> <p>6           "(4) Funding of the Commission:</p> <p>7           (1) The Commission shall establish and maintain a Fund, from</p> <p>8      which shall be defrayed all expenditures incurred by the Commission.</p> <p>9           (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund of the Commission</p> <p>10     established pursuant to subsection (1) above, the budgetary allocation from</p> <p>11     the Federal Government and grants from any other source."</p> | <p>Insertion of a<br/>new section 4</p>  |
| <p>12          <b>3.</b> Section 8(1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting</p> <p>13     N1,000,000 in place of N500 and one year in place of six months as follows:</p> <p>14          "(1) Any complaint lodged before the Commission shall not be</p> <p>15     made public by any person except a Commissioner and any person who</p> <p>16     contravenes the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of an offence</p> <p>17     and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of N1,000,000 or imprisonment for</p> <p>18     a term of one year or to both such fine and imprisonment".</p>                       | <p>Amendment of<br/>section 8(1)</p>   |
| <p>19          <b>4.</b> Section 8(2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting</p> <p>20     N1,000,000 in place of N500 and one year in place of six months as follows:</p>   | <p>Amendment of<br/>section 8(2)</p>   |

1 “(2) If any person required to furnish information under this Act fails  
2 to do so or in purported compliance with such requirement to furnish  
3 information knowingly or recklessly makes any statement which is false in a  
4 material particular, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a  
5 fine of N1,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of one year or to both such fine  
6 and imprisonment”.

Amendment of  
section 8(3)

7 **5.** Section 8(3) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting  
8 N1,000,000 in place of N500 and one year in place of six months as follows:

9 “(3) Any person who wilfully obstructs, interferes with, assaults or  
10 resists any Commissioner or any other officer or servant of the Commission in  
11 the execution of his duty under this Act or who aids, invites, induces or abets  
12 any other person to obstruct, interfere with, assault or resist any such  
13 Commissioner, officer or servant shall be guilty of an offence and liable on  
14 conviction to a fine of N1,000, 000 or imprisonment for a term of one year or  
15 both such fine and imprisonment.”

Amendment of  
section 9(2)

16 **6.** Section 9(2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting  
17 N1,000,000 in place of N500 and one year in place of six months as follows:

18 “(2) Any person guilty of an offence under this section shall on  
19 conviction be liable to a fine of N1,000,000 or imprisonment for a term of one  
20 year or to both such fine and imprisonment.”

citation

21 **7.** This Bill may be cited as the Public Complaints Commission Act  
22 (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Public Complaints Commission Act Cap. P.37 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 2004, to provide for the funding of the Commission, review the penalties for offences under the Act.