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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA CAP. C23 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO MAKE PROVISIONS PREVENTING A VACUUM AND LACK OF REPRESENTATION IN THE EVENT OF VACANCY OCCURRING IN EITHER HOUSE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Babajimi Benson

[] Commencement

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

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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. 23 | Alteration of
Nigerian Constitution
1999 Cap. C23
LFN, 2004 |
| 2 | Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "The | |
| 3 | Principal Act") is hereby altered as set out hereunder. | |
| 4 | 2. Section 76 sub section 2 of the Principal Act is hereby amended | Amendment of
Section 76 (2) |
| 5 | in line 3 by deleting immediately after the word "vacancy" the phase | |
| 6 | "occurring more than 90 days before such date; not later than 30 days after | |
| 7 | the vacancy occurred" and replacing same with the phrase "by complying | |
| 8 | with section 25 sub-section 2 of the Electoral Act". | |
| 9 | 3. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal | Citation |
| 10 | Republic on Nigeria 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021. | |

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. 23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to make provisions permitting a governor of a state where vacancy exists in either house of the national assembly to fill such vacancy in the interim until a bye-election is conducted.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION INTO
NIGERIA OF RICE AND THE PENALTY FOR THE CONTRAVENTION OF THE
SAID PROHIBITION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of
Nigeria-

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| <p>1 1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Customs, Excise
2 Tariff, etc. (Consolidation) Act or in any Act or other enactment (including
3 any statutory instrument or order), Rice shall be absolutely prohibited from
4 being imported into Nigeria either by way of trade or otherwise.</p> | <p>Prohibition of
importation of
Rice</p> |
| <p>5 2.-(1) Any person who brings, causes to be brought, induces any
6 other person to bring or attempts to bring Rice into Nigeria shall be guilty of
7 an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment as stipulated in section
8 2 of the Export (Prohibition) Act.</p> | <p>Offences,
penalties, etc.</p> |
| <p>9 (2) In addition to the penalty specified in subsection 1) of this
10 section-</p> | |
| <p>11 (a) the rice, as well as any vehicle, vessel, aircraft or other thing
12 whatsoever used in connection with the importation;</p> | |
| <p>13 (b) all the assets, movable or immovable, including motor vehicles,
14 of any person convicted of the offence, shall be forfeited to the Federal
15 Government.</p> | |
| <p>16 (3) Any customs officer or other person who aids, counsels,
17 procures, or conspires with any other person to commit an offence under this
18 section, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to the same
19 punishment as prescribed for the offence under subsection (1) of this
20 section.</p> | |

	1	(4) An offence committed under this Bill shall be triable by the
	2	Federal High Court.
Citation	3	3. This Bill may be cited as the Rice Import (Prohibition) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to prohibit the importation of rice into Nigeria to protect local producers and boost economic diversification.

RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION (PROHIBITION, PREVENTION ETC.)

BILL, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR ENFORCING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 AS ALTERED, UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, AFRICAN CHARTER ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS, THE PROTOCOL TO THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN AFRICA, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi

[] Commencement

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

1 PART A - PRELIMINARY

2 1. The objectives of this Bill includes the following;

Objectives

3 (a) prevent, prohibit and eliminate, so far as practicable, all forms
4 of discrimination, intimidation and harassment against persons on the
5 ground of religious belief or activity or on the ground of manifestation of
6 religion or religious belief in a wide range of areas of private and public life;
7 (b) ensure that everyone has equal rights to equality before the law
8 and access to education, health care, employment, financial services,
9 recreational activities and other services regardless of religious belief or
10 activity and manifestation of religion or religious belief consistent with the
11 obligations of Nigerian to respect, promote, fulfill and protect the right to
12 freedom of thought, conscience and religion and the rights against all forms
13 of discrimination enshrined in the United Nations' Declaration of Human
14 Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Convention on
15 the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, African

Discriminatory
conduct

1 Charter on Human Peoples' Rights, Protocol to the African and other similar
2 Conventions, Charters, Treaties, Covenants or Protocols; and

3 (c) give effect to sections 39 and 42 of the Constitution of the Federal
4 Republic of Nigeria and, subject to specified limits, prohibit all forms of
5 discrimination against any person on the basis of his or her religious belief or
6 activities or manifestation of religious belief in teaching, practice, worship and
7 observance.

8 PART B - DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUND OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF OR
9 ACTIVITIES OR MANIFESTATION OF RELIGION OR RELIGIOUS BELIEF

10 2.-(1) A person shall not, directly or indirectly or by any combination
11 of the two, be intimidated, harassed, victimized or discriminated against, on the
12 basis of religious belief or activity or on the ground of manifestation of religion
13 or religious belief or any other ground of a characteristic that people who have
14 or engage in the religious belief or activity generally have; and on the ground of
15 a characteristic that people who have or engage in the religious belief or
16 activity are generally presumed to have or manifest which may include
17 wearing religious emblem.

18 (2) It shall constitute a direct discrimination on the ground of religious
19 belief or activity or manifestation of religious belief where a person
20 discriminates against another person on the ground of the other person's
21 religious belief or activity or on the ground of manifestation of the other
22 person's religious belief if-

23 (a) the person treats, or proposes to treat, the other person less
24 favourably than the person treats, or would treat, another person who does not
25 have or engage in or manifest the religious belief or activity in circumstances
26 that are not materially different;

27 (b) the reason for the less favourable treatment is the other person's
28 religious belief or activity or manifestation of the other person's religious belief
29 in teaching, worship, practice or observance; and

30 (c) A person discriminated against, under this section, shall be

1 deemed to have been directly discriminated against.

2 (3) It shall constitute an act of indirect discrimination if a person
3 discriminates against another person on the ground of the other person's
4 religious belief or activity or on the basis that the other person's
5 manifestation of religious belief where-

6 (a) the person imposes, or proposes to impose, a condition,
7 requirement, measure or practice;

8 (b) the condition, requirement, measure or practice has, or is likely
9 to have, the effect of disadvantaging persons who have or engage in the same
10 or different religion or activity or manifest religious belief as the other
11 person;

12 (c) the condition, requirement, measure or practice is
13 unreasonable, unjustifiable or violates the provision(s) of the Constitution
14 of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or any other existing Act of the National
15 Assembly or the law of a state or human rights treaties, Charters, Covenants
16 or Conventions which Nigeria has ratified; and

17 (d) a person discriminated against, under this section, shall be
18 deemed to have been indirectly discriminated against.

19 3.-(1) If a person engages in a conduct for any one or more reasons
20 and one of the reasons is a person's religious belief or activity or
21 manifestation of religious belief (whether or not it is the dominant or a
22 substantial reason for the conduct) then, for the purposes of this Bill, the
23 conduct is deemed to be engaged in for that reason.

Conduct engaged
on the basis of
one or more
reasons

24 (2) Subject to section 4 subsection (4) paragraph (b) of this Bill
25 whether a condition, requirement, measure or practice is unreasonable or
26 unjustifiable depends on all the relevant circumstances of the case,
27 including the following-

28 (a) the nature and extent of the disadvantage resulting from the
29 imposition, or proposed imposition of the condition, requirement, measure
30 or practice;

1 (b) the nature of the roles, functions, or activities the person
2 discriminated against is engaged in and whether the religious belief or activity
3 or the manifestation of the person's religious belief will affect, limit or
4 jeopardize the person's ability or capability in the performance of such roles,
5 functions or activities;

6 (c) the likely harm or injury to be suffered by the person who imposes
7 or proposes the imposition of the condition, requirement, measure or practice
8 from the religious belief or activity or the manifestation of the religious belief
9 of the person being discriminated against;

10 (d) the feasibility of overcoming or mitigating any harm or injury
11 which may result from the manifestation of the person's religious belief or
12 activities warranting the imposition or proposed imposition of such condition,
13 requirement, measure or practice;

14 (e) whether the harm or disadvantage is proportionate to the result
15 sought by the person who imposes, or proposes to impose the condition,
16 requirement, measure or practice;

17 (f) if the condition, requirement, measure or practice is an employer
18 conduct rule, condition of service, code of conduct of an institution, the extent
19 to which the rule would limit the right of the person to freedom of thought,
20 conscience and religion and the right to manifestation of such religious belief;
21 and

22 (g) possible inconsistency of the condition, requirement, measure or
23 practice with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or the
24 Nigerian's obligations imposed by any of the United Nations' or African
25 Unions' Human Rights Conventions, Charters, Treaties, Covenants or
26 Protocols Nigeria has ratified with regard to respect, promotion and protection
27 of human rights.

Burden of
proof

28 4.-(1) For the purposes of section 5 of this Bill the person who
29 imposes, or proposes to impose the condition, requirement, measure or
30 practice shall bear the burden of proving that such condition, requirement,

1 measure or practice so imposed or proposed to be imposed is reasonable or
 2 justifiable or does not violate the provisions of the Constitution or any other
 3 existing Act of the National Assembly or the law of a state or human rights
 4 treaties, Charters, Covenants or Conventions which Nigeria has ratified.

5 (2) A person who imposes, or proposes to impose the condition,
 6 requirement, measure or practice shall not be said to have discharged the
 7 burden of proof unless he shows that compliance with such condition,
 8 requirement, measure or practice is necessary and in good faith.

9 (3) For the purposes of sections 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of this Bill a
 10 reference to an employee includes a reference to a prospective employee and
 11 reference to an employer includes a reference to a prospective employer.

12 PART C - CATEGORIES OF UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION

13 5. It shall be unlawful for an employer to discriminate against a
 14 person on the ground of the person's religious belief or activity or on the
 15 ground of the other person's manifestation of religious belief such as using
 16 or wearing religious emblem, religious head cover such as hijab, decent and
 17 modest religious wear etc-

Discrimination
in relation to
hiring or
recruitment

18 (a) in relation to the arrangements made with respect to the offer of
 19 employment;

20 (b) in the determination of who should be offered such
 21 employment; or

22 (c) in the terms or conditions on which employment is offered or
 23 accepted.

24 6. It shall be unlawful for an employer to discriminate against an
 25 employee on the ground of the employee's religious belief or activity or on
 26 the ground of the employee's decision to manifest religious belief such as
 27 using or wearing religious emblem, religious head cover such as hijab,
 28 decent and modesty religious wear etc-

Discrimination
in relation to
terms and conditions
of employment

29 (a) in relation to the terms or conditions of employment that the
 30 employer affords the employee;

	1	(b) by denying the employee access, or by limiting the employee's
	2	access, to opportunities for promotion, transfer or training, or to any other
	3	benefits associated with employment;
	4	(c) by dismissing the employee; or
	5	(d) by subjecting the employee to any other detriment such as
	6	intimidation, harassment, victimization or unfavourable working conditions
	7	etc.
Discrimination relating to qualifying/ Professional Bodies	8	7.-(1) It shall be unlawful for any qualifying or professional body or
	9	authority to discriminate a person on the ground of the person's religious belief
	10	or activity or manifestation of the person's religious belief-
	11	(a) by refusing or delaying or failing to confer, renew, extend or vary
	12	the authorization or qualification or licence;
	13	(b) in the terms or conditions on which the authority or body is
	14	prepared to confer, renew, extend or vary the authorization or qualification or
	15	licence;
	16	(c) by revoking, varying or withholding or withdrawing the
	17	authorization or qualification or licence.
	18	(2) The qualifying or professional bodies or authority to which
	19	section 9 of this Bill apply include any qualifying or professional body or
	20	authority that is empowered to confer, renew, extend, revoke, vary or withdraw
	21	an authorization or qualification or licence that is needed for, or facilitates, the
	22	practice of a profession, the carrying on of a trade or the engaging in of an
	23	occupation.
Employment Agencies	24	8. It shall be unlawful for an employment agency to discriminate
	25	against a person on the ground of the person's religious belief or activity or
	26	manifestation of religious belief-
	27	(a) by refusing to provide the person with any of its services;
	28	(b) in the terms or conditions on which it offers to provide the person
	29	with any of its services; or

1 (c) in the manner in which it provides the person with any of its
2 services.

3 **9.-(1)** It shall be unlawful for an educational institution to
4 discriminate against a person on the ground of the person's religious belief or
5 activity or manifestation of the person's religious belief such as using or
6 wearing religious emblem, decent and modest religious wear etc. -

Discrimination
in Educational
Institutions

7 (a) by refusing or failing to accept the person's application for
8 admission as a student; or

9 (b) in the terms or conditions on which it is prepared to admit the
10 person as a student.

11 (2) It is unlawful for an educational institution to discriminate
12 against a student on the ground of the student's religious belief or activity or
13 manifestation of the student's religion or religious belief by-

14 (a) denying the student access, or limiting the student's access, to
15 any benefit provided by the educational institution;

16 (b) expelling the student; or

17 (c) subjecting the student to any other detriment.

18 Provided that if an educational institution shall adopt any uniform
19 dress code or code of conduct prescribing decent dressing as well as manner
20 of dressing, a student shall take into consideration such dress code or code of
21 conduct as to decency and manner of dressing in the manifestation of his
22 religious belief in relation to the choice of colour, type, or design of such
23 religious emblem.

24 (3) Nothing in sub-section (2) of this Section shall be construed to
25 empower any educational institution to impose or propose to impose any
26 condition, requirement, measure or practice in its dress code or code of
27 conduct limiting the right of the students to manifest their religious belief in
28 worship, teaching, practice and observance.

29 **10.-(1)** It shall be unlawful for a person who, whether for payment
30 or not, provides goods or services, or makes facilities available, to

Goods, services
and facilities

1 discriminate against another person on the ground of the other person's
2 religious belief or activity or manifestation of the other person's religious
3 belief-

4 (a) by refusing to provide the other person with those goods or
5 services or to make those facilities available to the other person;

6 (b) in the terms or conditions on which the person provides the other
7 person with those goods or services or makes those facilities available to the
8 other person; or

9 (c) in the manner in which the person provides the other person with
10 those goods or services or makes those facilities available to the other person.

11 (2) It shall be unlawful for a person to deny or propose to deny or limit
12 another person's access to public good, services or facilities such as health care,
13 finance, education or recreational activities, registration in any private or
14 public office, or services such as registration for passport or any other means of
15 identification, SIM card registration, or any other enrollment exercise of a
16 public nature, on the basis of the person's religious belief or activities or on the
17 ground of manifestation of the person's religious belief in practice, teaching,
18 worship or observance.

19 (3) A person shall not be subject to any condition, requirement,
20 measure or practice that limits or proposes to limit the person's right to manifest
21 his religious belief such as using or wearing religious emblem, religious head
22 cover such as hijab, tunic and veil, decent and modest religious wear etc., as a
23 condition to access public good, services or facilities such as access to finance,
24 health, education, recreational activities or registration with any private or
25 public office, or services such as registration for passport or any other means of
26 identification, SIM card registration, or any other enrollment exercise of a
27 public nature.

Discrimination
in employment
in security and
other sectors

28 11.-(1) It shall be unlawful to discriminate against a person employed
29 in the security sector, military, paramilitary or otherwise on the basis of the

1 person's religious belief or activities or manifestation of religion or religious
2 belief-

3 (a) in relation to the terms or conditions of employment that the
4 employer affords the person so employed;

5 (b) by denying the employee access, or by limiting the employee's
6 access, to opportunities for promotion, transfer or training, or to any other
7 benefits associated with employment; or

8 (c) by dismissing the employee; or

9 (d) by subjecting the employee to any other detriment such as
10 intimidation, punishment, harassment, victimization or unfavorable
11 working condition etc.

12 (2) Any person employed in the security sector, whether within the
13 military or paramilitary or otherwise, shall not be discriminated against on
14 the ground of the exercise of his right to manifestation of his religion in
15 worship, teaching, practice and observance such as wearing religious
16 emblem, head cover, or hijab in concomitant with the common uniform code
17 or code of conduct in relation to the choice of colour, type, or design of such
18 religious emblem, religious head cover or hijab.

19 (3) It shall be unlawful for any person charged with the
20 performance of any function or who exercises any power-

21 (a) under an Act of the National Assembly or the Law of as State;

22 (b) under any international treaties, charters, covenants or
23 conventions whether of the United Nations, African Union, Commonwealth
24 or ECOWAS etc. which Nigeria has ratified; or

25 (c) for the purposes of a program conducted by or on behalf of the
26 government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or of a state or the United
27 Nations, African Union, Commonwealth, or ECOWAS etc -

28 to discriminate against another person on the ground of the other person's
29 religious belief or activity or on the ground of the manifestation of the
30 person's religious belief, in performing that function, exercising that power

	1	or fulfilling that responsibility.
Sports	2	12. It shall be unlawful for a person to discriminate against another
	3	person on the ground of the other person's religious belief or activity or on the
	4	ground of manifestation of religious belief excluding that other person from
	5	participation in a sporting activity.
	6	PART D - EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS
Exception on the ground of charity	7	13. Nothing in this Bill shall-
	8	(a) affect a provision of the governing rules or constitution (within the
	9	meaning of the extant Company and Allied Matters Act of a registered charity
	10	organization, if the provision-
	11	(i) confers benefits for charitable purposes, or
	12	(ii) enables charitable benefits to be conferred wholly or in part on
	13	persons who have or engage in a particular religious belief or activity; or
	14	(b) make unlawful a provision conferring benefit wholly or partly on a
	15	person(s) professing or manifesting a particular religious belief or activities in
	16	relation to charity, bequest or endowment by person, body, organization, trust
	17	or foundation, and conduct engaged in to give effect to such a provision.
	18	PART E - IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM
Administrative Redress Panel	19	14.-(1) Without prejudice to the right of any person to seek redress in a
	20	court of competent jurisdiction, the National Human Rights Commission shall
	21	have the power either on its own motion or upon a petition presented by an
	22	aggrieved person to-
	23	(a) investigate allegations of any violation of the provisions of this
	24	Bill within a reasonable time or not more than 30 days;
	25	(b) invite any person/party to respond to allegations made against him
	26	within seven days;
	27	(c) issue administrative orders to protect the subject matter or for
	28	parties to maintain status quo in relation to an allegation pending the outcome
	29	of investigation;
	30	(d) upon conclusion of the investigation determine the appropriate

1 redress within 14 working days, and

2 (e) require any person to comply with such order or terms of
3 redress within a specified period of time not extending 14 days.

4 (2) Where the Commission upon receipt of a complaint and after
5 due investigation gives a direction under this Bill and a person to which such
6 complaint relates fails to take any step to reverse any act of discrimination
7 the Commission may proceed to initiate proceedings against such person,
8 organ, body, institution, public or private enterprise in the appropriate court.

9 (3) Nothing in this Bill shall be construed to limit or foreclose the
10 right of an aggrieved person to approach the court, at the first instance, to
11 seek redress upon a seven (7) days' pre-action notice served on the person
12 against whom the allegation is made.

13 **15.** A High Court shall have original jurisdiction to look into Jurisdiction
14 applications arising from any breach or violation of the provisions of this
15 Bill.

16 **16.** Procedure for enforcing this Bill in court shall be in accordance Procedure
17 with the extant procedure for the enforcement of Fundamental Rights in a
18 High Court.

19 **17.** If a breach or violation of this Bill is proved to have been Miscellaneous
20 committed with the consent, acquiescence or connivance or is attributed to provisions
21 any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other similar
22 officer of a body corporate, or any person who was purporting to act in any
23 such capacity, such officer as well as the body corporate shall be deemed to
24 have committed an offence and are liable to be proceeded against and
25 punished accordingly.

26 **18.** In this Bill- Interpretation
27 "Commission" means the National Human Rights Commission;
28 "Conditions of service" includes rules, procedures and stipulation that
29 employees must abide by as part of their employment contract;
30 "Code of conduct" means a set of rules setting out or outlining the norms,

1 rules, and responsibilities or proper practices of an individual party or an
2 organization;

3 "Educational institution" means a school, college, university or other
4 institution at which education or training is provided;

5 "ECOWAS" means Economic Community of West African States;

6 "Employer" includes a person acting or purporting to act on behalf of an
7 employer;

8 "Employer conduct rule" means a condition, requirement or practice;

9 (a) that is imposed, or proposed to be imposed, by an employer on its
10 employees or prospective employees; and

11 (b) that relates to standards of dress, appearance or behaviour of those
12 employees;

13 "Employment" means:

14 (a) work under a contract of employment; or

15 (b) work that a person is otherwise appointed or engaged to perform;

16 whether the work is on a full-time, part-time, temporary or casual basis, or
17 whether it is paid or unpaid;

18 "Engage in conduct" means:

19 (a) to do an act; or

20 (b) to omit to perform an act;

21 "High Court" mean a High Court of a state, Federal High Court and of the High
22 Court of the Federal Capital Territory;

23 "Person" has the same meaning as in the Interpretation Act Cap 123 LFN 2004;

24 "Registered charity organization" means a non-profit making entity that is
25 registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission under Part C of the
26 Companies and Allied Matters Act for the time being in force.

27 "Religious emblem" includes decent religious wear or dress, head cover that
28 not only form daily fundamental basic dress but also essential to fulfilling
29 religious obligation such as hijab, head cover, nun habit, veil etc.

30 "Religious belief or activity" means:

- 1 (a) holding a religious belief; or
 2 (b) engaging in lawful religious activity; or
 3 (c) not holding a religious belief; or
 4 (d) not engaging in, or refusing to engage in, lawful religious
 5 activity;
 6 "Services" means services of any kind, including the following:
 7 (a) services relating to banking, insurance, healthcare,
 8 superannuation and the provision of grants, loans, credit or finance;
 9 (b) services relating to entertainment, recreation or refreshment;
 10 (c) services relating to transport or travel;
 11 (d) services relating to telecommunications;
 12 (e) services of the kind provided by the members of any profession
 13 or trade;
 14 (f) services of the kind provided by a government, or governmental
 15 authority or a local government body;
 16 "LFN" means Law of the Federal of Nigeria.
 17 **19.** This Bill may be cited as the Religious Discrimination Citation
 18 (Prohibition, Prevention etc.) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide a mechanism for enforcing certain provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as altered, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa.

Citation

FIREARMS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clauses

1. Amendment of CAP. F28 LFN 2004
2. Amendment of section 6
3. Amendment of section 7
4. Amendment of section 9
5. Substitution for section 23
6. Substitution of section 24
7. Insertion of new section 24A
8. Amendment of section 27
9. Amendment of section 28
10. Substitution of section 29
11. Substitution f(i section 32 (1)
12. Amendment of section 35 (2)
13. Substitution for section 38
14. Amendment of the Schedule
15. Citation

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FIREARMS ACT CAP. F28 LAWS OF THE
FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO INCREASE THE FINES, PROVIDE FOR
STRICT PRISON TERMS AND LICENSING FEES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Adejoro Adeogun

[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1. The Firearms Act Cap. F28 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria,
2 2004 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in
3 this Act.</p> | <p>Amendment of
Cap. P28 LFN
2004</p> |
| <p>4 2. Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by:
5 (a) substituting for the expression "subsection (5)" in line one, the
6 expression "subsection (4)";
7 (b) substituting for subsection (2), a new subsection "(2)":
8 "(2) This section shall apply in respect of all licence and permits
9 granted under this Act and the authority having the function of granting such
10 licence and permit."
11 (c) inserting a new subsections "(3)" and "(4)":
12 "(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), a person
13 shall be entitled to the grant of a licence or permit under this Act if, at the
14 time of application, the person:
15 (a) is at least eighteen years of age;
16 (b) has a psychological evaluation certificate from a government
17 hospital not more than six months;
18 (c) has a vision quality certificate from a government hospital not
19 more than six months;
20 (d) has a police clearance certificate not more than twelve months;</p> | <p>Amendment of
Section 6</p> |

1 (e) has a rifle club membership of at least six months and a firearms
2 proficiency certificate issued by the club; and

3 (f) has a National Identification Number issued by the National
4 Identity Management Commission (NIMC).

5 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), (2) and (3), no
6 licence or permit under the provisions of this Act shall be granted if, at the time
7 of application, there is a reason to believe that the applicant or holder of the
8 licence:

9 (a) is under the age of eighteen;

10 (b) is of unsound mind;

11 (c) is not fit to have possession of the firearm in question on account of
12 defective eyesight;

13 (d) is a person of intemperate habits;

14 (e) has, during the previous five years, been convicted of an offence
15 involving violence or threat of violence.

Amendment of
Section 7

16 **3.** Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended:

17 (a) in subsection (1), by inserting at the end of the subsection, the
18 words, "by keeping it under lock and key to prevent unauthorised access"; and

19 (b) in subsection (2), by substituting for the word "fourteen" in line
20 three, the word "seven".

Amendment of
Section 9

21 **4.** Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new
22 subsection "(1A)" immediately after subsection (1):

23 "(1A) A person shall become a registered firearms dealer if he:

24 (a) is a citizen of Nigeria of not less than eighteen years of age;

25 (b) has a National Identification number issued by the NIMC.

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26 (c) has a registered business name or limited liability company under
27 the Companies and Allied Matters Act for the purpose of dealing in firearms;

28 (d) has complied with any other requirement in the regulations made
29 under section 32 of this Act."

1	5. Substitute for section 23 of the Principal Act, a new section	Substitution for Section 23
2	"23":	
3	"23. The Inspector-General of Police:	
4	(a) may grant a permit to any person to carry on business of	
5	manufacture and repair of the firearms referred to in Part III of the Schedule;	
6	and	
7	(b) shall maintain a manual and an e-register of such permits in	
8	force.	
9	6. Substitute for section 24 of the Principal Act, a new section	Substitution of Section 24
10	"24":	
11	"24. The Inspector-General of Police:	
12	(a) may, with the consent of the Governor of the State, grant a	
13	permit to any person to carry on the business of manufacture and repair of	
14	the firearms referred to in Part III of the Schedule to this Act; and	
15	(b) shall maintain a manual and an e-register of such permits in	
16	force.	
17	7. Insert after section 24A of the Principal Act, a new section	Insertion of new section 24A
18	"24A":	
19	"24A. No permit under sections 23 and 24 shall be granted unless,	
20	at the time application, the applicant:	
21	(a) is over the age of eighteen;	
22	(b) has a registered business name or limited liability company	CAMA, 2020
23	under the Companies and Allied Matters Act, for the purpose of manufacture	
24	or repair of firearms and ammunition;	
25	(c) has a firearms proficiency certificate from a registered rifle club	
26	of at least six months from the date of issue;	
27	(d) has a police clearance certificate of at least twelve months;	
28	(e) has a national identification number issued by NIMC;	
29	(f) has a designated place of business, not in a residential area or	
30	school district, to carry out the manufacture and repair of firearms and	

	1	ammunition; and
	2	(g) has complied with any other requirement in the regulations made
	3	under section 32 of this Act."
Amendment of Section 27	4	8. Section 27 of the Principal Act is appended:
	5	(a) in subsection (1) (a), by substituting for the word, "ten" in the last
	6	line, the word "fifteen";
	7	(b) in subsection (1) (b), by substituting for the words, "not exceeding
	8	five" in the last line, the words, "not less than";
	9	(c) in subsection (1) (c), by substituting for the words, "imprisonment
	10	for a term of not less than ten years" in the last line. the words. "to a fine of
	11	twenty-five percent of the Naira market value in respect of each firearm and
	12	ammunition or imprisonment for a term not less than five years";
	13	(d) in subsection (2), by substituting for the word, "ten" in the last line,
	14	the word, "fifteen"; and
	15	(e) in subsection (3), by substituting for the word, "may" in line 2, the
	16	word "fifteen".
Amendment of Section 28	17	9. Section 28 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the
	18	words, "one hundred Naira or imprisonment for six months" the words,
	19	"twenty-five percent of the naira market value of the firearm and ammunition
	20	the licence or permit relates or imprisonment for a term not less than eighteen
	21	months".
Substitution of Section 29	22	10. Substitute for section 29 of the Principal Act, a new section "29":
	23	"29. A police officer shall give seven days, excluding public holidays,
	24	for compliance with the provisions of section 28 of this Act."
Substitution for section 32 (1)	25	11. Substitute for section 32 (1) of the Principal Act, a new section "32
	26	(1)":
	27	"(1) Subject to the provisions of section 6 (3) and (4), the President
	28	may by regulations provide for:
	29	(a) the method of application for and the terms and conditions which
	30	shall be attached to any licence or permit granted, and to any registration

1 effected under this Act and the renewal and revocation of any such licence,
2 permit or registration;

3 (b) the records which shall be kept and returns to be made by a
4 registered firearms dealer;

5 (c) the records which shall be kept and returns to be made by
6 authorities granting licences in respect of muzzle-loading firearms;

7 (d) requirements as to the buildings in which a registered firearms
8 dealer shall carry on his business, and as to the structural and safety and
9 security requirements of an armoury maintained by a dealer;

10 (e) the procedure upon sale or transfer by a registered firearms
11 dealer of firearms or ammunition which shall be subject to licensing
12 procedure in another part of Nigeria;

13 (f) the stamping or marking of firearms and the method thereof;

14 (g) the conditions or circumstances in which deposit shall be made
15 or may be made in a public armoury and the conditions of and method for
16 withdrawal therefrom;

17 (h) the conditions under which the provisions of this Act may be
18 modified in respect of rifle clubs in- accordance with section 37 of this Act;

19 (i) firearms ranges, gaming or shooting ranges which include:

20 (i) licensing entities to operate approved shooting ranges,

21 (ii) imposition of conditions on license;

22 (iii) duration of license;

23 (iv) recognition or condition for recognising firearms clubs and
24 commercial ranges, and

25 (v) membership and expulsion from such club;

26 (j) the total or partial exemption from the provisions of this Act of
27 any type of airgun, air-rifle or air-pistol (and ammunition therefor) the use or
28 possession of which is considered to involve no danger or little danger, and
29 any conditions to be attached to such exemption;

30 (k) prescribing anything which by 1'.US Act has to be prescribed;

	1	(l) prescribing forms;
	2	(m) subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, prescribing fees
	3	or minimum fees; and generally for the better carrying out of the purposes of
	4	this Act.
Amendment of Section 35 (2)	5	12. Section 35 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for
	6	the words, "one thousand Naira or imprisonment for two years", the words,
	7	"seventy five thousand Naira or imprisonment not less than two years".
Substitution for section 38	8	13. Substitute for section 38 of the Principal Act, a new section "38":
	9	"38.-(1) The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any member of
	10	the Armed Forces, Police Force, State Security Service or any other law
	11	enforcement agency in relation to any firearm or ammunition issued to him for
	12	official purpose.
	13	(2) The Inspector-General of Police, if satisfied that an officer of the
	14	armed forces or police force requires an additional firearm or ammunition for
	15	official purposes, shall issue the officer with another fire arm or ammunition.
	16	(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 6 (3) and (4) of this Act,
	17	where any member of the Armed Forces, Police Force, State Security Service
	18	or any other law enforcement agency requires to purchase or acquire a firearm
	19	or ammunition for his own use, he shall be entitled, without payment of any fee,
	20	for the grant of a licence, subject to the submission of an application endorsed
	21	by the head of military or para-military agency in whose service he is
	22	employed."
Amendment of the Schedule	23	14. The Schedule to the Principal Act is amended in PART I by
	24	inserting new items "6A" and "6B" after the existing item number 6:
	25	"6A. Other calibers which include 5.56 mm and 6.8 mm.
	26	6B. All machine, automatic or assault weapons including any weapon
	27	with advanced sighting system, silencer or weapon with less than 16 inches
	28	barrel."
Citation	29	15. This Bill may be cited as the Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Firearms Act Cap. F28 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to increase the fines, provide for strict prison terms and licensing fees.

FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AFFA

(ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) BILL, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, AFFA,
ENUGU STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2021

Sponsored by: Hon. Amadi Dennis Oguerinwa

[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

2 AFFA, ENUGU STATE

3 1.-(1) There is hereby established the Federal College of
4 Agriculture Affa, Enugu State in this Bill (referred to as the "College")
5 which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as are conferred
6 on it by this Bill.

Establishment
of the Federal
College of
Agriculture Affa,
Enugu State

7 (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual
8 succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate
9 name with power to acquire and dispose of interests in movable and
10 immovable property.

11 2.-(1) There is hereby established for the College a Governing
12 Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall be responsible
13 for the consideration and approval of:

The Governing
Council of the
College

14 (a) the plan of activities of the College;

15 (b) the programme of studies, courses, and research to be
16 undertaken by the College;

17 (c) the annual budget estimates of the College; and

18 (d) the investment plans of the College.

19 (2) The governance of the College and the management of its
20 affairs is vested in the Governing Council of the College.

21 (3) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with

	1	respect to the Council as specified therein.
Membership of the Council of the College	2	3. The Council shall consist of a Chairman and the following other to
	3	be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister:
	4	(a) A representative of the Enugu State Ministry of Agriculture;
	5	(b) a representative of a University who in the case of a degree
	6	awarding College, shall come from the University to which the College is
	7	affiliated for the purpose of moderation;
	8	(c) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture;
	9	(d) a representative of the alumni association of the College;
	10	(e) three persons appointed on individual merit on a nationwide basis
	11	who should have wide experience of service in the public or private sector;
	12	(f) two representatives of the Academic Board of the College;
	13	(g) one representative of the National Board for Technical Education;
	14	(h) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Education; and
	15	(i) the Rector of the College.
Tenure of Office of Members of the Council	16	4.-(1) A member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member)
	17	office for a term of three years and be eligible for reappointment for a full
	18	period of three years.
	19	(2) The office of a member appointed under section 3 of this Bill shall
	20	become vacant if:
	21	(a) the member resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand,
	22	addressed to the President through the Minister;
	23	(b) the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the College
	24	for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in
	25	writing to that effect;
	26	(c) the member is convicted of any offence by any Court;
	27	(d) the member becomes a person of unsound mind;
	28	(e) the member abuses his office.
Functions of the College	29	5. The functions of the College shall be:
	30	(a) to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all

1 persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political' conviction, the
2 opportunity of acquiring a higher education in agriculture;

3 (b) to develop and offer academic programmes leading to the
4 award of diplomas and certificates which emphasize planning, adaptive,
5 technical, maintenance, developmental and productive skills m agriculture,
6 agricultural engineering and allied professional disciplines with the aim of
7 producing socially mature persons with capacity to improve on those
8 disciplines and develop new ones, but also to contribute to the Scientific
9 transformation of agriculture in Nigeria;

10 (c) to act as agents and catalysts, through training, research and
11 innovation the effective and economic utilization, exploitation and
12 conservation Nigeria's natural, agricultural, economic and human
13 resources;

14 (d) to offer to the general population, as a form of public service,
15 the results of training and research in agriculture and allied disciplines and to
16 foster the practical application of those results;

17 (e) to establish appropriate relationships with other national
18 institutions involved in training, research and development of agriculture;

19 (f) to identify the agricultural problems and needs of Nigeria and to
20 find solutions to them within the context of overall national development;

21 (g) to provide and promote sound basic scientific training as
22 foundations for the development of agriculture and allied disciplines, taking
23 into account indigenous culture, the need to enhance national unity, the need
24 to vastly increase the practical content of student training, and adequate
25 preparation of graduates for self-employment in agriculture and allied
26 professions;

27 (h) to promote and emphasize teaching, research and extension of
28 agricultural knowledge, including agriculture extension services and
29 outreach programmes, in-service training, continuing education, and on-
30 farm adaptive research;

1 (i) to offer academic programmes in relation to the training of
2 manpower for agriculture in Nigeria;

3 (j) to organize research relevant to training on agriculture with
4 emphasis on small-scale farming;

5 (k) to provide full-time courses in Agricultural Science and
6 Technology;

7 (l) in general agriculture, crop science, fisheries, mechanization,
8 home economics and management.

9 (m) to organize extension services and out-reach programmes for
10 technology transfer;

11 (n) to establish institutional linkages in order to foster collaboration
12 and integration of training, research and extension activities; and

13 (o) to undertake any other activities appropriate for College of
14 agriculture;

15 (p) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council
16 may serve to promote the objectives of the College.

Powers of the
Council

17 **6.-(1)** The Council shall have powers to:

18 (a) hold examination and award diploma, professional certificates
19 and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved
20 and accredited by the National Board for Technical Education;

21 (b) demand and receive from any student or any other person
22 attending the College for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Council
23 may, with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;

24 (c) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and
25 selling;

26 (d) accept gifts for any charitable purpose;

27 (e) hold examinations in agriculture for qualified Agriculture
28 Extension Officers;

29 (f) provide amenities for the welfare of the Staff of the College;

30 (g) invest the surplus funds of the College in securities specified by

- 1 law as may be approved by the Minister;
- 2 (h) borrow money in such manner and upon such security as the
- 3 Minister may from time to time authorize;
- 4 (i) Enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for
- 5 carrying into effect the objectives of the College;
- 6 (j) Recruit staff of the right caliber and determine the career
- 7 structure of such staff;
- 8 (k) Establish and maintain such schools and other units within the
- 9 College or extra-mural departments as the Council may, from time to time,
- 10 decide;
- 11 (l) Institute and award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles;
- 12 (m) Mount exhibitions and displays designs to foster an
- 13 appreciation of trends in and the scope and requirements of agricultural
- 14 Science and Technology;
- 15 (n) Erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational,
- 16 recreational and residential facilities as the College may require;
- 17 (o) Create lectureships and other academic posts and offices and to
- 18 make appointments thereto;
- 19 (p) Encourage and make provision for research in the college and;
- 20 (q) do such things incidental to the foregoing powers as may
- 21 advance the objects of the College.

22 **7.-(1)** The Minister shall be the Visitor of the College.

Visitation

23 (2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every five years, conduct

24 a visitation of the College or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less

25 than five experts to conduct the visitation:

26 (a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative

27 performance of the College; or

28 (b) for such other purposes the Visitor may deem fit.

29 **8.-(1)** There shall be established for the College a board to be

The Academic
Board and its
Functions

1 known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members:

2 (a) the Rector of the College who shall be the Chairman;

3 (b) the Deputy Rector, Deans of Schools, Professors/Readers/Chief-
4 Lecturers and the Registrar who shall be the Secretary;

5 (c) the College Librarian; and

6 (d) not more than two members of the academic staff other than heads
7 of departments to be elected by the Congregation.

8 (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:

9 (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the College
10 including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates,
11 scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;

12 (b) making periodic reports on such academic matters to the Council
13 as the Council may from time to time direct;

14 (c) discharging any other functions which the Council may from time
15 to time delegate to it.

Power of the
Minister to give
Direction to the
Council

16 9. Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister may give to the
17 Council directions of a general character or relating generally to matters of
18 policy with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions under this Bill
19 and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directions.

The Rector of
the College

20 10.-(1) There shall be a Rector of the College (in this Bill referred to as
21 "the Rector").who shall be appointed by the Minister, in accordance with the
22 provisions of this section.

23 (2) Where a vacancy exists in the post of Rector, the Council shall:

24 (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read
25 newspaper in Nigeria specifying:

26 (i) the qualities of the person who may apply for the post,

27 (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and
28 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration;

29 (b) constitute a search team consisting of:

30 (i) a member of the Council not being a member of the Academic

- 1 Board, as Chairman,
- 2 (ii) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of
- 3 Chief Lecturer,
- 4 (iii) two members of the academic community of the College not
- 5 below the rank of Chief Lecturer to be selected by the Council, to identify
- 6 and draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the
- 7 post for any reason whatsoever.
- 8 (3) A joint selection Board of Council and Academic Board
- 9 consisting of:
- 10 (a) the Chairman of the Council;
- 11 (b) two members of the Council not being members of the
- 12 Academic Board, one of whom shall be the member appointed by the
- 13 Minister;
- 14 (c) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of a
- 15 Chief Lecturer, who were not members of the Search team shall consider the
- 16 candidates and persons on the short listed lists drawn up under subsection
- 17 (2) of this section through the examination of their curriculum vitae and
- 18 interaction with them and recommend through the Council to the Minister
- 19 three candidates for his consideration.
- 20 (4) The Minister shall if satisfied appoint as Rector one of the
- 21 candidates recommended to him under the provisions of subsection (3) of
- 22 this section.
- 23 (5) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the
- 24 Rector shall be the Chief Executive of the College and shall be charged with
- 25 general responsibility for matters relating to the day to day management
- 26 operations of the College.
- 27 (6) The Rector:
- 28 (a) shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the
- 29 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may
- 30 be specified in his letter of appointment; and

1 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of four years and no
2 more.

Deputy Rector 3 **11.-(1)** There shall be for the College a Deputy Rector.

4 (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Rector from among the
5 Chief Lecturers in the College in one of the following ways, that is:
6 (a) from a list of three candidates in order of preference, submitted by
7 the Rector; or
8 (b) on the recommendation of a selection Board constituted under this
9 section for that purpose; or
10 (c) on the nomination of the Rector.

11 (3) The selection Board referred to in subsection (2) of this section
12 shall:
13 (a) consist of:
14 (i) the Chairman of the Council,
15 (ii) the Rector,
16 (iii) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic
17 Board, one of whom shall be the member appointed by the Minister.
18 (iv) two members of the Academic Board; and
19 (b) make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the
20 recommendation required under that subsection.

21 (4) The Deputy Rector shall:
22 (a) be in charge of academic activities and assist the Rector in the
23 performance of his functions;
24 (b) act in the place of the Rector when the post of Rector is vacant or if
25 for any reason the Rector is unable to perform his functions as Rector; and
26 (c) perform such other functions as the Rector or the Council may
27 assign to him.

28 (5) The Deputy Rector:
29 (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the
30 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be

1 specified in his letter of appointment; and

2 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of two years and no
3 more.

4 **12.-(1)** The Council of the College shall appoint a Registrar to the
5 College (hereinafter referred to as the Registrar") who shall keep the
6 records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform
7 such other duties as the Council and subject thereto as the Rector may from
8 time to time direct.

The Registrar and
other Staff of the
College

9 (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to other duties conferred on him
10 by or under this Bill, be the Secretary to the Council, the Academic Board
11 and any Committee of the Council and in his absence, the Council may
12 appoint some other person to act as Secretary, and he shall not vote on any
13 question before the Council or count towards a quorum.

14 (3) A Registrar:

15 (a) shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the
16 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may
17 be specified in his letter of appointment; and

18 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of five years and no
19 more.

20 (4) Where on the commencement of this section a Registrar
21 appointed before the commencement of this section has held office:

22 (a) for five years or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first
23 term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;

24 (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall
25 complete the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his post
26 and be assigned other duties in the College;

27 (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve as
28 Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall
29 relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.

Other Principal
Officers of the
College

1 **13.**-(1) There shall be for the College the following principal officers
2 in addition to the Registrar, that is:

3 (a) the Bursar; and

4 (b) the College Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on
5 the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 10 of this
6 Bill.

7 (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College and
8 be responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration and control of
9 the financial affairs of the College.

10 (3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the
11 administration of the College Library and the coordination of the Library
12 services in the teaching units of the College.

13 (4) A Bursar or Librarian:

14 (a) shall each hold office for a period of five years Beginning from the
15 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be
16 specified in his letter of appointment; and

17 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of five years and no
18 more.

19 (5) Where on the commencement of this section a Bursar or Librarian
20 has held office:

21 (a) for five years or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first term
22 of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;

23 (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete
24 the maximum period of ten years and thereafter his post and be assigned other
25 duties in the College;

26 (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve in that
27 capacity for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish
28 his post and be assigned other duties in the College.

Resignation of
Appointment by
Principal Officers

29 **14.** A principal officer may resign his appointment:

30 (a) in the case of the Rector, by notice to the Visitor; and

1 (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council,

2 **15.-(1)** The Council may appoint such other persons to be Other employees
of the College
3 employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Rector
4 and the Principal Officers of the College in the performance of their
5 functions under this Bill.

6 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill the remuneration, tenure of
7 office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be
8 determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service
9 Commission.

10 **16.-(1)** There shall be for the college, a selection Board which shall Selection Board
for Other Principal
Officers
11 consist of:

12 (a) the Chairman of the Council;

13 (b) the Rector;

14 (c) four members of the Council not being members of the
15 Academic Board; and

16 (d) two members of the Academic Board.

17 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the
18 selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be as
19 the Council may, from time to time, determine.

20 **17.-(1)** It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be Pensions
21 approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act 2004 and
22 accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College shall in
23 respect of their service in the College be entitled to pension, gratuities and
24 other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, so however that
25 nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on
26 terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that
27 office.

28 (2) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the
29 Pension Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or
30 other authority of the Government of the Federation (other than the power to

	1	make regulations) shall be exercisable by the College and not by any other
	2	person or authority.
	3	PART II - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS
Establishment of Fund of the College	4	18. -(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be
	5	applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Bill.
	6	(2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under
	7	subsection (1) of this section:
	8	(a) such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Council by
	9	the Minister in charge of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture. all moneys raised
	10	for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts, grants-in- aid or testamentary
	11	disposition; and all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered;
	12	(b) by the Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council
	13	from any source.
	14	(3) The Council shall submit to the Minister not later than three
	15	months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as he may
	16	direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding
	17	financial year.
Power to accept gifts	18	19. The Council may accept gifts of land, money or other property
	19	upon such terms and conditions if any, as may be specified by the person
	20	making the gift.
Accounts and Audit	21	20. The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments,
	22	assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be
	23	audited.
Annual Reports	24	21. The Council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each
	25	financial year prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its activities during
	26	the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy
	27	of the audited accounts of the college for that year and of the auditors report on
	28	the accounts.
Offices and Premises	29	22. -(1) For the purposes of providing offices and premises necessary
	30	for the performance of its functions, the Council may:

1 (a) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and

2 (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

3 (2) The Council may with the approval of the Minister sell any
4 interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer
5 required for the performance of its functions.

6 **23.**-(1) The Council may make rules providing for the Rector to Discipline of
Students
7 conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline (including lack of
8 diligence) by students and such rules may make different provisions for
9 different circumstances.

10 (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence
11 to be followed at enquiries under this section.

12 (3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, where
13 it is proved during the enquiry that any student of the College has been guilty
14 of misconduct, the Rector may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary
15 powers conferred on him by this Bill or any regulations made thereunder
16 direct:

17 (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified
18 in the direction, participate in such activities of the College, or make use of
19 such facilities of the College, as he may specify; or

20 (b) that the activities of the student shall during such period as may
21 be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so
22 specified; or

23 (c) that the student may be suspended for such period as may be
24 specified in the direction; or

25 (d) that the student be expelled from the College.

26 (4) Where there is temporarily no Rector or where the Rector
27 refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly
28 or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified
29 in subsection (3) of this section to any student of the College who is guilty of
30 misconduct.

1 (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) of this
2 section in respect of any student, the student may, within twenty-one days from
3 the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the
4 direction to the Council, and where such an appeal is brought, the Council
5 shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council
6 considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such
7 manner as the Council may think fit.

8 (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of
9 subsection (5) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while
10 -the appeal is pending.

11 (7) The Rector may delegate his powers under this section to a
12 Disciplinary Committee consisting of such members of the College as he may
13 nominate.

14 (8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the
15 restriction or termination of a student's activities at the College otherwise than
16 on the ground of misconduct.

17 (9) It is hereby declared that the direction under subsection (3) (a) of
18 this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of this
19 section.

20 (10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council shall be
21 final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the student.

Interpretation

22 **24.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

23 "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council;

24 "College" means the Federal College of Agriculture Affa, Enugu State
25 established by section 1 of this Bill and "Colleges" shall be construed
26 accordingly;

27 "Council" means the Governing Council of the College established by section
28 2 of this Bill;

29 "Congregation" means academic and non academic staff of the college with
30 first degree either B.A or B.Sc.

1 "Functions" includes powers and duties;
2 "Member" means a member of the Council including the Chairman;
3 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters
4 relating to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture;
5 "Rector" means the Rector of the College appointed under section 9 of this
6 Bill;
7 "The person responsible for Agriculture in Enugu State" means the person
8 appointed by the Minister to oversee the Agricultural sector in Enugu State.

9 **25.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Agriculture Short title
10 Affa (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2021.

11 SCHEDULE

12 *Section 2 (2)*

13 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

14 *Terms of Service*

15 1. There may be paid to the members of the Council or any
16 Committee, other than ex-officio members, such remuneration and
17 allowances as may from time to time be determined by the Minister.

18 2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified
19 in section 3 (1) (d), it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold
20 office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor in office and
21 such successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.

22 3. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its
23 membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of
24 a member.

25 *Proceedings*

26 4.-(1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business, such
27 times, places and on such days as the Chairman may appoint but shall meet
28 not less than once every four months.

29 (2) The Chairman may at any time at the request in writing of not
30 less than 6 members, convene a meeting of the Council.

1 (3) At any meeting of the Council the Chairman shall preside; but in
2 his absence, members present shall elect one of their number to preside at the
3 meeting.

4 (4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on
5 any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not members of
6 the Council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the
7 Council.

8 (5) The quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members
9 of the Council at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the
10 Minister.

11 (6) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple
12 majority of members.

13 *Miscellaneous*

14 5.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by
15 the signature of the Chairman, Rector and of some other members of the
16 Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.

17 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person
18 other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made
19 or executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or specially
20 authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

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

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College [Agriculture, Affa, Enugu State
and to provide full-time courses in Agricultural Science and Technology.

FEDERAL TEACHING HOSPITALS, AJAOKUTA
(ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2021
ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE UPGRADE AND CONVERSION OF AJAOKUTA IRON AND STEEL COMPANY CLINIC TO FEDERAL TEACHING HOSPITAL, AJAOKUTA TO PROVIDE FACILITY FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND MEDICAL TRAINING FOR STUDENTS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, LOKOJA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Lawal Muhammed Idirisu

[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL TEACHING HOSPITAL, AJAOKUTA

2 **1.-(1)** There is established Federal Teaching Hospital, Ajaokuta
3 through the upgrade and conversion of existing Ajaokuta Iron and Steel
4 Company Clinic (herein refers to as "Hospital"). Establishment of
Federal Teaching
Hospital Ajaokuta

5 **(2)** The Hospital Shall:

6 **(a)** be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common
7 seal may sued and be sued in its corporate name; and

8 **(b)** may acquire, hold, invest unused fund, or dispose of any
9 property, movable or immovable for the purpose of performing any of its
10 functions under this Act

11 **2.-(1)** There is established a Board for the management of the
12 teaching hospital (herein referred as the Board). Establishment
and composition
of the Governing
Board

13 **(2)** The Board shall consist of a chairman who shall be appointed
14 by the President on the recommendation of the Minister and the following
15 other members-

16 **(a)** the Chief Medical Director of the hospital;

17 **(b)** one representative of the Federal Ministry of Health;

18 **(c)** three persons nominated by the Minister to represent a wide

- 1 variety of community interests in health matters;
- 2 (d) one representative of the medical profession not being a person
- 3 who is a member of the teaching staff of any university;
- 4 (e) one representative of the senate of the associate University;
- 5 (f) representative of other professions in the health field, not being a
- 6 staff of the Hospital concerned;
- 7 (g) the Dean of the Medical School or the Provost, College of
- 8 Medicine of the associate University, by whatever other name called;
- 9 (h) one representative of the Ministry of Health of the State in which
- 10 the Teaching Hospital is situate;
- 11 (i) the chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Hospital
- 12 concerned; and
- 13 (j) one representative of the Vice-Chancellor of the associate
- 14 University.
- 15 (3) If the chairman is absent from any meeting of the Board, the
- 16 members present shall appoint one of their members to preside at that
- 17 particular meeting.
- 18 (4) Members of the Board shall receive allowances and expenses as
- 19 the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission may, from time
- 20 to time, direct.
- 21 **3.-(1) It shall be the duty of the Board-**
- 22 (a) to equip, maintain and operate the hospital so as to provide
- 23 facilities for diagnosis, curative, promotion and rehabilitative service in
- 24 medical treatment;
- 25 (b) to construct, equip, maintain and operate such training schools and
- 26 similar institutions as the Board considers necessary for providing the hospital
- 27 at all times with a proper staff of hospital technicians and nurses;
- 28 (c) to construct, equip, maintain and operate such clinics, out-patient
- 29 departments, laboratories, research or experimental stations and other like

Functions and
powers of the
Board

1 institutions as the Board considers necessary for the efficient functioning of
2 the hospital.

3 (2) The duty of operating the hospital imposed by the foregoing
4 subsection shall include, without prejudice to the extent of that duty apart
5 from this subsection, the duty of providing proper courses of instruction for
6 the medical students of the associate University, and the Board may perform
7 the last mentioned duty by arranging with the approval of the Minister, for
8 students of such associate University to attend courses at other institutions
9 not controlled by the Board.

10 (3) The Board shall ensure that the standards of teaching provided
11 at all establishments controlled by itself and the standards of treatment and
12 care provided for patients at those establishments do not fall below those
13 usually provided by similar establishments of international repute.

14 (4) The Board shall be responsible for laying down general policies
15 and guidelines relating to major expansion programmes of the hospital and
16 the provision of facilities for the training of medical students of the associate
17 university and it shall be the duty of the Board to execute such policies and to
18 keep within such guidelines.

19 (5) The Board shall subject to this Act have power of promotion,
20 advancement, discipline and the determination of appointment of members
21 of the staff of the hospital.

22 (6) Subject to this Act, the Board shall have power to do anything
23 which, in its opinion, is calculated to facilitate the carrying out of its
24 functions under this Act.

25 4.-(1) The chairman of the Board shall be a person of proven
26 integrity coupled with experience and outstanding ability in administration
27 or in professional or technical education.

Qualification,
Tenure, cessation
of membership
etc. of the Board

28 (2) The chairman and any member of the Board other than ex-
29 officio member shall-

30 (a) hold office for such period, not exceeding four years and on

1 such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;

2 (b) unless he previously vacates his office, be eligible for re-
3 appointment for one further term of four years provided that nothing in this
4 paragraph shall be construed as entitling any person who has held office as
5 chairman for a term and who is being re-appointed under this paragraph to be
6 appointed again as chairman;

7 (c) be paid out of money at the disposal of the Board such
8 remuneration and allowances in accordance with scale approved in that behalf
9 by the President.

10 (3) The office of a member of the Board shall become vacant if-

11 (a) he resigns his office by notice in writing addressed to the Minister;

12 (b) the period of his appointment has expired; or

13 (c) there is passed by the Board a resolution declaring-

14 (i) that he has become incapable, by reason of mental or bodily
15 infirmity of discharging his duties;

16 (ii) that he has become unfit for membership of the Board by reason of
17 the fact that he has an interest in a contract entered into by the Board and has not
18 disclosed that fact;

19 (iii) that he has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the
20 Board without leave of the Board; or

21 (iv) that he has been convicted of an offence which involves moral
22 turpitude.

23 (4) Soon after the office of a member of the Board has become vacant,
24 the authority by which he was appointed shall appoint another person in his
25 place in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

26 PART II - STAFF OF THE TEACHING HOSPITAL

Appointment
of Chief Medical
Director

27 5.-(1) There shall be for the hospital, a Chief Medical Director who
28 shall be appointed by the President on such terms and conditions as may be
29 specified in his letter of appointment or as may be determined from time to time
30 by the relevant agency of the Federal Government.

1 (2) The Chief Medical Director shall-

2 (a) be a person who is medically qualified and registered as such
3 for a period of not less than twelve years, and has had considerable
4 administrative experience in matters of health and holds a post-graduate
5 medical qualification obtained not less than five years prior to the
6 appointment as Chief Medical Director; and

7 (b) be charged with the responsibility for the execution of the
8 policies and matters affecting the day-to-day management of the affairs of
9 the Hospital.

10 (3) The Chief Medical Director shall hold office at the pleasure of
11 the President.

12 **6.-(1)** There shall be for the hospital, a Director of Administration
13 who shall-

Appointment of
Director of
Administration
and other staff

14 (a) be appointed by the Board and shall by virtue of that office also
15 be the Secretary to the Board;

16 (b) be responsible to the Chief Medical Director for the effective
17 functioning of all the administrative divisions of the hospital;

18 (c) conduct the correspondence of the Board and keep the records
19 of the hospital; and

20 (d) perform such other functions as the Board or the Chief Medical
21 Director, as the case may be, may from time to time assign to him.

22 (2) The Board, after absorbing the existing staff of Ajaokuta Steel
23 Company Clinic, shall appoint such number of employees for proper and
24 efficient functioning of the hospital.

25 (3) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1) and (2) of this
26 section, the Board shall have power to appoint for the hospital either directly
27 or on secondment from any public service of the federation, such number of
28 employees needed to assist the hospital in discharging its functions under
29 this Act.

30 (4) The terms and conditions of service (including remuneration,

	1	allowances, benefits and pension) of the employees of the hospital shall be
	2	determined by the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission.
Service in the hospital to be pensionable	3	7.-(1) Service in the hospital shall be approve service for the purpose
	4	of Pension Reform Act.
	5	(2) Officers and other staff of the hospital shall be entitled to pension,
	6	gratuity and other retirement benefits applicable in the civil service of the
	7	Federation.
	8	(3) Nothing in the provisions of subsection (1) and (2) above shall
	9	prevent the hospital from engaging other categories of employees on terms
	10	without pension, gratuity and other retirement benefits provided such terms are
	11	clearly made known to applicants.
Establishment of Medical Advisory Committee etc.	12	8.-(1) There shall be for the hospital, a Medical Advisory Committee
	13	which shall consist of:
	14	(a) a chairman to be appointed by the Board and responsible to the
	15	Chief Medical Director for all the clinical and training activities of the hospital;
	16	and
	17	(b) such members as may be determined from time to time by the
	18	Board;
	19	(2) Subject to this Act, the Board shall have power to appoint
	20	(including power to appoint on promotion and transfer and of confirmation of
	21	appointments), advance, terminate or discipline employees (including
	22	consultants) holding or acting in any office in the hospital; and any such
	23	appointment shall be made having due regard to any personnel establishment
	24	approved for the hospital.
	25	(3) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, the
	26	Board may, from time to time, appoint consultants outside the University to
	27	perform such medical duties as the Board or the Chief Medical Director may
	28	assign to such consultants.
	29	PART III - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOSPITAL
Discipline of students	30	9.-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any

1 other enactment where it appears to the Board that any student of the
2 hospital has been guilty of misconduct, the Board may, without prejudice to
3 any other disciplinary powers conferred on it by regulations, direct-

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

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

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

12 (d) that the student be expelled from the hospital.

13 (2) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance
14 of the last fore-going subsection shall not affect the operation of the
15 direction while the appeal is pending.

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

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

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

24 (6) Nothing in this Act shall affect the provisions of any enactment
25 relating to the discipline of medical practitioners, pharmacists, midwives,
26 nurses or members of any other profession or calling.

27 **10.-(1)** If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing
28 that any person employed as a member of the clinical, administrative or
29 technical staff of the hospital, other than the Chief Medical Director, should

Removal and
discipline of
clinical,
administrative
and technical staff

1 be removed from his office or employment, the Board shall require the
2 secretary to-

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

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

6 (c) if the person in question so requests within a period of one month
7 beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements-

8 (i) for a committee to investigate the matter and report on it to the
9 Board; and

10 (ii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of
11 appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect
12 to the matter, and if the Board, after considering the report of the investigating
13 committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as
14 aforesaid, the Board may so remove him by a letter signed on the direction of
15 the Board.

16 (2) The Chief Medical Director may, in a case of misconduct by a
17 member of the staff which in the opinion of the Chief Medical Director is
18 prejudicial to the interest of the hospital, suspend any such member and any
19 such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board.

20 (3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended from
21 his duties or his appointment may be terminated or he may be dismissed by the
22 Board; and for the purposes of this section, "good cause" means-

23 (a) a conviction for any offence which the Board considers to be such
24 as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his
25 office; or

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

29 (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the
30 Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue

1 to hold his office; or

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

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

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

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

13 (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned,
14 in which case, such person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his
15 emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or

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

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

27 (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent
28 the Board from making such regulations not inconsistent with the provisions
29 of this Act for the discipline of students and all other categories of
30 employees of the hospital as the Board may prescribe.

Discipline of
junior staff

1 (7) Regulations made under subsection (6) above need not be
2 published in the Federal Gazette but the Board shall bring them to the notice of
3 all affected persons in such manner as it may from time to time determine.

4 **11.-(1)** If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the
5 Chief Medical Director may suspend him for not more than three months and
6 forthwith shall direct a committee-

7 (a) to consider the case; and

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

10 (2) In all cases under this section, the officer shall be informed of the
11 charge against him and shall be given reasonable opportunity to defend
12 himself.

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

16 (4) Any person aggrieved by the Chief Medical Director's decision
17 under subsection (3) of this section may, within a period of 21 days from the
18 date of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the
19 Board to reconsider his case.

20 PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Fund of the
Teaching Hospital

21 **12.** There shall be established and maintained for the Teaching
22 Hospital a fund into which shall be paid and credited:

23 (a) all subventions and budgetary allocations from the Government of
24 the Federation;

25 (b) all fees and funds accruing from sale of drugs and other services;

26 (c) all sums accruing to the hospital by way of gifts, endowment,
27 bequests, grants or other contributions by persons and organizations;

28 (d) foreign aids and assistance from bilateral and multilateral
29 agencies; and

30 (e) all other sums which may, from time to time, accrue to the hospital.

1	13. The hospital shall from time to time apply its fund to-	Expenditure of the Hospital
2	(a) cost of administration and maintenance of the hospital;	
3	(b) publicized and promote the activities of the hospital;	
4	(c) pay allowances and expenses and other benefits of members	
5	and committees of the Board;	
6	(d) pay salaries, allowances and other benefits of staff of the	
7	hospital;	
8	(e) pay other overhead allowances of the hospital; and	
9	(f) finance other activities instrumental to implementation of the	
10	object of this Act.	
11	14. The Board shall:	Annual Estimates, Account, Record and Audit
12	(1) prepare and submit to the President through the Minister not	
13	later than the 30th day of June in each financial year, an estimate of its	
14	income and expenditure during the next succeeding financial year; (and	
15	such estimate shall be submitted by the Minister for approval by the	
16	President).	
17	(2) The Board shall keep proper accounts in respect of each	
18	financial year (and proper records in relation to those accounts) and shall	
19	cause the accounts to be audited by firm to be appointed from the list of	
20	approved auditors supplied by the Auditor General of the Federation not	
21	later than six months after the end of the financial year to which the accounts	
22	relate.	
23	15. The Board shall, not later than June of each year, prepare and	Annual Reports
24	submit to the Minister of Finance and Auditor General of the Federation, a	
25	report of the activities and administration of the hospital during the	
26	preceding year and shall include therein a copy of the audited accounts and	
27	auditor's report for the year under reference.	
28	16. The Board shall with the approval of the Minister have power:	Power to borrow, charge fees and accept gifts
29	(a) to borrow money;	
30	(b) to charge fees for any facilities provided by or by arrangement	

	1	with the Board (including in particular the provision of tuition, treatment and
	2	accommodation); and
	3	(c) accept gifts, donations and other property on terms which does not
	4	compromise the objects of the hospital.
Exemption from Tax	5	17. -(1) The hospital shall not pay an income tax on income derived by
	6	the hospital under this Act or income accruing to the hospital from any of its
	7	investments.
	8	(2) Accordingly, any enactment relating to taxation of companies or
	9	trust funds shall not apply to the Board of the Teaching Hospital.
Exemption from custom duties etc.	10	18. The hospital shall not pay custom duties on goods imported or be
	11	restricted from importing equipment, materials, supplies and other things for
	12	the purpose of implementing the object of this Act.
	13	PART V - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Power to make rules	14	19. -(1) The Board may with the approval of the Minister responsible
	15	for Health, make regulations with respect to-
	16	(a) access to of the public either generally or of a particular class to the
	17	premises of the hospital;
	18	(b) conduct of the general public in the premises of the hospital;
	19	(c) safeguarding any property belonging to the hospital or under the
	20	control of the Board from damage by members of the public; and
	21	(d) make rules for the purpose of regulating its proceedings or those of
	22	any of its committees .
	23	(2) Bye-laws under this Act shall not come into force until it is
	24	approved by the National Assembly.
Power of Minister to give directives	25	20. The Minister may give to the Board directions of a general
	26	character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual
	27	person or case) with regards to exercise by the Board of its functions under this
	28	Act, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with the directions; but no
	29	direction shall be given which is inconsistent with the duties of the Board under
	30	this Act.

1 **21.**-(1)The President may, notwithstanding any provision of this Transition and
2 Act, take such measures as occasion may warrant in order to improve the Savings Provisions
3 efficiency or due administration of the teaching hospital specified in the
4 Schedule to this Act.

5 (2) Any person employed in Ajaokuta Steel Company Clinic
6 before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be employed or
7 serving in the Teaching Hospital.

8 **22.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires- Interpretation

9 "associate University" means the University from which the hospital
10 derived its name and whose medical students receive aspects of their
11 training from the hospital;

12 "Board" means the University Teaching Hospital Management Board of
13 each hospital;

14 "chairman" means the chairman of the Board;

15 "functions" includes powers and duties;

16 "hospital" means Federal Teaching Hospital, Ajaokuta;

17 "junior staff means staff of such grade as may be determined from time to
18 time by the Board;

19 "medical student" means a student whose course of instruction is-

20 (a) designed (either alone or in conjunction with other courses) to
21 enable him to qualify as a medical practitioner; and

22 (b) designed for the further training of medical practitioners;

23 "Minister" means the minister charged with responsibility for matters
24 relating to teaching hospitals; and "Ministry" shall be construed
25 accordingly; and

26 "students" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Board
27 for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution.

28 **23.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal Teaching Hospitals, Short title
29 Ajaokuta (Establishment) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to provide the legal framework for the conversion of Ajaokuta Steel Company Clinic to Federal Teaching Hospital, Ajaokuta to deliver health care services and medical training for students of Federal University, Lokoja.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 AS AMENDED AND FOR RELATED
MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Kingsley Chima

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as
2 amended, (in this Bill referred to as "The Principal Act") is amended as set
3 out in this Bill. Amendment of
Nigeria Constitution
1999
- 4 **2.** 13% DERIVATION FUND SECTION 162(2):
- 5 "The President, upon the receipt of advice from the Revenue
6 Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission, shall table before the
7 National Assembly proposals for revenue allocation from the Federation
8 Account, and in determining the formula, the National Assembly shall take
9 into account, the allocation principles especially those of population,
10 equality of States, internal revenue generation, land mass, terrain as well as
11 population density:
- 12 Provided that the principle of derivation shall be constantly'
13 reflected in any approved formula as being not less than thirteen percent of
14 the revenue accruing to the Federation amount directly from any natural
15 resources".
- 16 PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SECTION 162 (2): INCREASE 13% DERIVATION
17 FUND:
- 18 "The President, upon the receipt of advice from the Revenue
19 Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission, shall table before the
20 National Assembly proposals for revenue allocation from the Federation

1 Account, and in determining the formula, the National Assembly shall take into
2 account, the allocation principles especially those of population, equality of
3 States, internal revenue generation, land mass, terrain as well as population
4 density:

5 Provided that the principle of derivation shall be constantly reflected
6 in any approved formula, as being not less than “twenty percent” of the revenue
7 accruing to the Federation Account directly from any natural resources"

Citation

8 **3.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of
9 Nigeria, 1999 as amended (Alteration) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to alter Section 162(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended, in order to cure the inherent imbalance and insufficiency of fund and development - driven agitations based on the revenue from natural resources.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OIL AND GAS TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES, EGBEMA, IMO STATE, AND TO MAKE COMPREHENSIVE PROVISIONS FOR DUE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDE FOR DETAILED IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS IN OIL AND GAS TECHNOLOGY AND SKILLS ACQUISITION, ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Uju, Kingsley Chima

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** There is established at Egbema, Imo State, an Institute to be Establishment
2 known as the National Institute of Oil and Gas Technology and of the Institute
3 Entrepreneurial Studies (in this Bill referred to as the "Institute").
- 4 **2. -(1)** The Institute shall be a Body Corporate with Perpetual Governing Board
5 Succession and a Common Seal, and may sue and be sued in its Corporate of the Institute
6 name.
- 7 (2) The administration of the Institute, and the direction of its
8 affairs shall vest in the Board of Governors of the Institute (in this Act
9 referred to as the "Board").
- 10 (3) The Board shall consist of:
- 11 (a) a Chairman and two other members to be appointed by the
12 President;
- 13 (b) the Rector of the Institute;
- 14 (c) the two Deputy Rectors of the Institute;
- 15 (d) the Federal Director of Technology and Technical Skills;
- 16 (e) two representatives to be chosen from the Federal University of
17 Technology, Owerri and any other Federal University of Technology in

1 Nigeria in rotation by the National Universities Commission;
 2 (f) one representative of the Federal Polytechnics in Nigeria;
 3 (g) one representative of the Ministry of the Niger Delta Affairs;
 4 (h) two representatives of the Oil Companies operating in the
 5 catchment areas of the Institute or the State.

6 (4) Subject to subsection (4) of this Section, a person appointed as a
 7 member of the Board (not being an ex- officio member) shall hold office for
 8 four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further period of
 9 same years.

10 (5) The President may terminate the appointment of a Member of the
 11 Board (not being an ex-officio member) if satisfied that it is not in the interest
 12 of the Institute that the person concerned should continue in office.

13 (6) Any member of the Board (not being an ex-officio member) may
 14 by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister resign his office.

15 (7) The supplementary provisions contained in the schedule to this
 16 Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the
 17 Establishment of the Governing Board of the Institute and other matters therein
 18 mentioned.

Functions of
the Institute

19 **3.-(1)** The Functions of the Institute shall be:

20 (a) to provide detailed identification of Technology, technical and
 21 skills acquisition needs for the economy and develop training programmes to
 22 meet those needs, especially in the Oil and Gas Sector and Entrepreneurial
 23 Studies;

24 (b) to carry out training of students and artisans and re-training of
 25 professionals to meet newest requirements in the areas identified in paragraph
 26 (a) above;

27 (c) to establish a Residential Campus at Egbema, Imo State, and such
 28 other place(s) as may be decided by the Board;

29 (d) to establish an Audio-Visual Production Unit which shall produce
 30 suitable teaching support materials;

1 (e) to promote or undertake any other activity that in the opinion of
2 the Board is calculated to help achieve the purposes of the Institute;

3 (f) The Institute shall ensure that the training approach to be
4 followed at the Institute shall be highly job-specific and practical and shall
5 utilise modern methods of management skills development usually utilised
6 by similar establishments in order to attain the highest standards.

7 **4.-(1)** There shall be an officer of the Institute to be known as the
8 Rector who shall be appointed by the President.

Appointment of
the Rector of the
Institute

9 (2) The Rector shall be the Chief Executive of the Institute and
10 shall be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day management of the
11 affairs of the Institute, together with the two Deputy Rectors to be appointed
12 by the Board on the Recommendations of the Rector.

13 (3) The Rector shall hold office for a fixed term of five years,
14 subject to renewal by the President for only one more term of same duration
15 as well as the two Deputy Rectors.

16 (4) There may be appointed from time to time by the Board, such
17 other staff, including teachers, instructors, staff of units and departments as
18 may be required for the purpose of the efficient performance of the functions
19 conferred on the Institute under or pursuant to this Act.

20 **5.** Service in the Institute shall be approved service for the
21 purposes of the Pensions Act, and accordingly, officers and other persons
22 employed in the Institute shall in respect of their services in the Institute be
23 entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed
24 by persons holding equivalent grades in the Civil Service of the Federation.

Service in the
Institute to be
Pensionable
Cap. 346

25 **6.-(1)** The Institute shall establish and maintain a FUND which
26 shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this
27 Act.

Financial
Provisions

28 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established
29 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:

	1	(a) such sums as may be provided by the Government of the
	2	Federation;
	3	(b) fees charged for services rendered by the Institute; and
	4	(c) all sums accruing to the Institute by way of gifts, testamentary
	5	dispositions, and endowments or contributions from philanthropic persons or
	6	organizations or otherwise howsoever described.
Power to accept gifts	7	7.-(1) The Institute may accept gifts of land, money or other property
	8	upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or
	9	organization making the gift.
	10	(2) The Institute shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by
	11	the person or organization making the gift to the acceptance thereof are
	12	inconsistent with the functions and objectives of the Institute.
Borrowing power	13	8.-(1) The Institute may, with the consent of the Minister or in
	14	accordance with the general guidelines approved by the President, borrow by
	15	way of loan or overdraft from any source any money(s) required by the Institute
	16	for meeting its obligations and discharging its functions under this Act so
	17	however that where the sum or the aggregate of the sums involved at anyone
	18	time does not exceed One Hundred Million (N100,000,000.00), no such
	19	consent or authority shall be required.
	20	(2) The Institute may, subject to the provisions of this Act and the
	21	conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its
	22	funds with the life consent or general authority.
	23	(3) The Board may invest any surplus funds of the Institute in such
	24	securities as may be approved by the President.
Annual estimates, accounts and audit	25	9.-(1) The Board shall cause to be prepared not later than 30th June in
	26	each year an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Institute during the
	27	next succeeding year and when prepared, they shall be submitted by the
	28	Minister.
	29	(2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Institute
	30	and proper records in relation thereto and when certified by the Board, such

1 accounts shall be audited as provided in Subsection (3) of this Section.

2 (3) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited as soon as may be
3 after the end of each year.

4 **10.** The Board shall, not later than 30th September in each year, Annual Report
5 submit to the Minister a report on the activities of the Institute and its
6 administration during the immediately preceding year and shall include in
7 such report the audited accounts of the Institute.

8 **11.**-(1) The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Act, make Staff Regulations
9 staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the
10 employees of the Institute and without prejudice to the generality of the
11 foregoing, such regulations may provide for:

12 (a) the appointment, promotion and disciplinary control including
13 dismissal) of employees of the Institute; and

14 (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other
15 disciplinary measures; and until such regulations are made, any instrument
16 relating to the conditions of service of officers in the Civil Service of the
17 Federation shall be applicable, with such modifications as may be
18 necessary, to the employees of the Institute.

19 (2) Staff Regulations made under subsection (1) of this Section,
20 shall not have effect until approved by the Minister and when so approved,
21 they need not be published in the Federal Gazette but the Board shall cause
22 them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it
23 may from time to time determine.

24 **12.** No suit shall be commenced against the Institute before the Procedure in respect
of suites against the
Institutes
25 expiration of a period of one month after written notice of intention to
26 commence the suit shall have been served upon the Institute by the intending
27 plaintiff or his agent; and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state:

28 (a) the cause of action;

29 (b) the particulars of the claim;

30 (c) the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff;

	1	(d) the relief which he claims.
Service of documents	2	13. The notice referred to in Section 12 of this Act and any summons,
	3	notice or other document required or authorized to be served upon the Institute
	4	under the provisions of this Act or any other enactment or law may be served by
	5	delivering the same to the Chairman or the Rector of the Institute or by sending
	6	it by registered post addressed to the Rector at the principal office of the
	7	Institute.
Restriction on execution against the property of the Institution	8	14. In any action or suit against the Institute, no execution of
	9	attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the Institute
	10	but any sums of money which may, by the judgement of the Court, be awarded
	11	against the Institute, shall subject to any directions given by the Institute, be
	12	paid from the general reserve fund of the Institute.
Power to give directions	13	15. The Minister may give the Board directions of a general character
	14	or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual or case)
	15	with regard to the exercise - by the Board of its functions under this Act, and it
	16	shall be the duty of the Board to comply with such directions.
Interpretation	17	16. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
	18	"the Board" means the Board of Governors of the Institute constituted as
	19	provided in Section 2(1) of this. Act;
	20	"the Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board;
	21	"the Rector" means the Rector of the Institute;
	22	"the Institute" means the National Institute of Oil and Gas Technology and
	23	Entrepreneurial Studies established by Section 1 of this Act;
	24	"Member" means any member of the Board including the Chairman;
	25	"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for Technology.
Short title	26	17. This Bill may be cited at the National Institute of Oil and Gas
	27	Technology and Entrepreneurial Studies (Establishment) Bill, 2021.

SCHEDULE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

Meetings

1.-(1) Subject to this Act and to Section 27 of the Interpretation Act, Cap. 192 (which provides for the decisions of statutory body to be taken by a majority of the body and for the person presiding to have a second or casting vote), the Board may make standing Orders regulating the proceedings of the Board or of any committee thereof.

(2) The quorum of the Board shall be the Chairman and four other members, and the quorum of any committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.

2.-(1) The Board shall meet not less than four times in each year, and subject thereto, 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 three other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within fourteen 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 that meeting.

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

(4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Board shall be summoned by the Minister.

Committees

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

(2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of

1 such number of persons (not necessarily all members of the Board) as may be
2 determined by the Board, and a person other than a member of the Board shall
3 hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

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

6 *Supplementary*

7 4.-(1) The fixing of the Seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by
8 the signature of the Chairman or of some other members authorized generally,
9 or specially to act for that purpose by the Board.

10 (2) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person
11 not being a Body Corporate would not be required to be under Seal may be
12 made or executed on behalf of the Institute by the Rector or any person
13 generally, or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Board.

14 (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under
15 the Seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the
16 contrary is proved, be presumed to be so 'executed.

17 (4) Members of the Board who are not public officers shall be paid out
18 of moneys at the disposal of the Board such remuneration, fees or allowances in
19 accordance with such scales as may be approved from time to time by the
20 Minister.

21 (5) The validity of any proceedings of the Board or of a Committee
22 thereof shall not be affected by any vacancy..on the membership of the Board
23 or of committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the
24 proceedings.

25 (6) Any member of the Board, and any person holding office on the
26 committee of the Board, who has a personal interest in any contract or
27 arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or a
28 committee thereof shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Board and shall
29 not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the National Institute of Oil and Gas Technology and Entrepreneurial Studies, Egbema, Imo State, and to make comprehensive provisions for due management and administration, provide for detailed identification of areas in Oil and Gas Technology and Skills Acquisition, Entrepreneurial Studies.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE FOR REGULATIONS APPROVAL BY A RESOLUTION OF
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2021

Sponsored by Hon. Kolawole Taiwo Musibau

[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1. Provision of this act shall apply to every statutory bodies</p> <p>2 established by the government.</p> | <p>Application to
statutory Bodies
established by
government</p> |
| <p>3 2. Regardless of any provision to the contrary in law before now,</p> <p>4 no regulation shall have force or effect except it is laid before and approved</p> <p>5 by the National Assembly</p> | <p>Approval for
Regulations</p> |
| <p>6 3. All regulations shall be approved by a resolution of members. in</p> <p>7 accordance with 1999 Construction (Amend) of the Federal Republic of</p> <p>8 Nigeria.</p> | |
| <p>9 4. For the purpose of this bill, any regulation made by Government</p> <p>10 body other than a Ministry shall be deemed to have been made by the</p> <p>11 Ministry in charge of such government body and the supervisory Minister</p> <p>12 shall cause the regulation to be laid before the House for approval.</p> | <p>Resolutions made
by Agency, Boards,
Corporating,
Directorates etc.</p> |
| <p>13 5. It shall be unlawful and criminal for any regulation made by</p> <p>14 agency, corporations, Directorate, Boards etc not to be laid before the</p> <p>15 House.</p> | <p>Effect of non-
compliance with
provision of this
Bill</p> |
| <p>16 6.-(1) Any person or government official charged with such</p> <p>17 responsibility of laying the regulations before the House who contravenes</p> <p>18 the provision of this bill is liable to gross misconduct in service and on the</p> <p>19 recommendation of the Head of service shall be disciplined accordingly.</p> | <p>Disciplinary
action for Gross
Misconduct</p> |
| <p>20 (2) Where a person who is a public officer is liable under this bill,</p> <p>21 unless he gives reasonable cause which is sufficient for his or her pardon, he</p> | |

	1	or she shall be personally liable.
Publication of Regulations	2	7. As from the commencement of this law, all regulations made in
	3	pursuant of provision of any enactment in the country shall be published in the
	4	official Gazette after the Approval by the National Assembly
Savings	5	8.-(1) A regulation shall subsist and become effective, if it is not
	6	approved or disapproved by the National Assembly on or before 30days of its
	7	presentation to the National Assembly.
	8	(2) Nothing in this Bill shall invalidate any regulation validity made
	9	before the commencement of this Bill.
Interpretation	10	9. In this Act:
	11	“National Assembly” means: The two parliaments i.e the Senate and House of
	12	Representatives;
	13	“Regulations” means: rules, orders, Notices and other statutory instruments;
	14	“Federation, country” means: Federal Republic of Nigeria;
	15	“Government body” means: Corporation, Board, Authority, parastatal, Agency
	16	and other auxiliary body established by the Federal government.
Citation	17	10. This Bill may be cited as Regulations Approval Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to prescribe for Regulations Approval by a resolution of National Assembly.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPULSORY, FREE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION ACT, CAP C52, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO INCLUDE ENTREPRENEURIAL, VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND STEM IN THE PRIMARY, JUNIOR AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2021

Sponsored by Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act, CAP
2 C52, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the
3 "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of
the Principal Act
- 4 **2.** Section 9 sub section E of the Principal Act is amended to
5 include a new paragraph (iv) and (v) and shall be read as follows: Amendment of
Section 9
 - 6 (iv) Ensure that the curriculum for pupil for each term includes
 - 7 Entrepreneurial, Vocational/Technical Education and STEM Education for
 - 8 primary, junior and secondary school;
 - 9 (v) Provision for adult education in our Primary, Junior and
 - 10 Secondary school.
- 11 **3.** The Bill may be cited as the Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Citation
12 Education (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Cap. C52 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to include vocational, technical and entrepreneurial skills, in the Primary, Junior and secondary Curriculum and also make provisions for adult education.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ALTER THE 1999 CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Ogun

[] Commencement

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

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| 1 | 1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (With | Constitution
Amendment |
| 2 | Alterations) (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is hereby | |
| 3 | amended as set out hereunder. | |
| 4 | 2. Section 67 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new | Amendment of
Section 67 by
inserting a new
subsection (3) |
| 5 | subsection (3) as follows: | |
| 6 | (3) Nothing in this section shall preclude any chamber of the | |
| 7 | National Assembly from summoning the President of the Federal Republic | |
| 8 | of Nigeria to attend a joint session of the National Assembly to answer | |
| 9 | questions on national security or on any issue whatsoever, over which the | |
| 10 | National Assembly has powers to make laws. | |
| 11 | 3. Section 67 of the Principal Act is amended by renumbering the | Amendment of
Section 67 by
renumbering the
old subsection (3) |
| 12 | old subsection (3) and giving it a new number (4). | |
| 13 | 4. Section 107 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new | Amendment of
Section 108 by
inserting a new
subsection (3) t |
| 14 | subsection (3) as follows: | |
| 15 | (3) Nothing in this section shall preclude the House of Assembly of | |
| 16 | the State from summoning the Governor of the State to attend a sitting of the | |
| 17 | House of Assembly to answer questions on security or on any issue | |
| 18 | whatsoever, over which the House of Assembly has powers to make laws. | |
| 19 | 5. Section 107 of the Principal Act is amended by renumbering the | Amendment of
Section 108 by
renumbering the
old subsection (3) |
| 20 | old subsection (3) and giving it a new number (4). | |

Citation 1 **6.** This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic
 2 of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (With Alterations) in order to grant to the two chambers of the National Assembly and States' Houses of Assembly, powers to summon the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Governors of States respectively, to answer questions on issues of national security or any matter whatsoever, over which the National Assembly and States' Houses of Assembly, have power to make laws.