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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF DENTAL TECHNOLOGY AND THERAPY, TALASSE, GOMBE STATE, TO PROVIDE FOR COURSES LEADING TO THE AWARD OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES IN DENTAL TECHNOLOGY, DENTAL THERAPY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon, Victor Mela

[] Commencement

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

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| 1 | 1. There is established a Federal College of Dental Technology | Establishment
of the College |
| 2 | and Therapy Talasse, Gombe State (in this Bill referred to as "the College") | |
| 3 | which shall have the functions and powers conferred on it by this Bill. | |
| 4 | (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual | |
| 5 | succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate | |
| 6 | name. | |
| 7 | 2. -(1) There is established for the College the Governing Council | Establishment
and composition
of the Governing
Council of the
College |
| 8 | (in this Bill referred to as "the Council"). | |
| 9 | (2) The Council shall consist of: | |
| 10 | (a) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the President on | |
| 11 | recommendation of the Minister; | |
| 12 | (b) a representative each of the following Federal Ministries: | |
| 13 | (i) Health; | |
| 14 | (ii) Education; | |
| 15 | (c) a representative of each of the following professional bodies: | |
| 16 | (i) Dental Technologists Registration Board of Nigeria; | |
| 17 | (ii) Dental Therapists Registration Board of Nigeria; | |
| 18 | (d) two persons, at least one of whom shall be a woman, selected on | |
| 19 | their personal merit based on their contribution either to the development of | |

	1	dental technology and dental therapy, or their special interest in technological
	2	education;
	3	(e) the Rector of the College;
	4	(f) a representative of the Academic Board of the College.
	5	(3) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill
	6	shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and other
	7	matters contained therein.
Tenure of office of Member of Council	8	3.-(1) A member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member)
	9	shall hold office for a term of four years and subject to subsection (2) of this
	10	section, shall be eligible for re appointment for a further period of four years
	11	and no more.
	12	(2) A member of Council other than an ex officio member may, by
	13	notice addressed to the Council, resign his appointment.
	14	(3) The Minister may, in writing, with the approval of the President,
	15	remove any member of the Council if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest
	16	of the College that the member concerned should continue in office.
	17	(4) Members of the Council other than ex-officio members shall be
	18	paid such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be
	19	determined by the President.
Functions of the College	20	4. The functions of the College shall be to:
	21	(a) provide courses of instruction, training and research in:
	22	(i) Dental Technology;
	23	(ii) Dental Therapy;
	24	(iii) such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the
	25	development of Nigeria in the areas of Dental Technology and Dental Therapy
	26	and other Para-dental courses, and for research in the development and
	27	adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine
	28	leading to award of relevant degrees and certificates;
	29	(b) produce technical, professional and such other skilled personnel
	30	normally required for dental technology and dental therapy;

1 (c) arrange conferences, seminars and study groups relevant to the
2 fields of learning specified in paragraph (a) above;

3 (d) perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council
4 may serve to promote the objectives of the College.

5 **5.-(1)** Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council shall be the *Functions of the*
6 Governing Body of the College and shall control the management of the *Council*
7 affairs, property and finances of the College and shall have power to
8 promote the interest of the College.

9 (2) The Council may acquire and hold such movable or immovable
10 property as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the
11 provisions of this Bill and for the same purpose may sell, lease, mortgage or
12 otherwise alienate or dispose of any property so acquired.

13 (3) The Council may enter into such contracts as may be necessary
14 or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill.

15 **6.** The College shall have power to- *Powers of the*

16 (a) award degrees, diplomas and certificates for courses provided
17 by it under section 4 of this Bill;

18 (b) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for
19 carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill;

20 (c) acquire, hold, lease, sell, mortgage or otherwise alienate or
21 dispose of any property, moveable or immovable;

22 (d) invest its funds in such manner and to such extent as it may
23 think necessary or expedient;

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

28 (f) accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms
29 and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization
30 making the gift, but shall not accept any gift(s) if the terms and conditions

	1	attached thereto are inconsistent with the functions of the College under the
	2	Bill;
	3	(g) establish and maintain such colleges and other teaching units
	4	within the College or extramural departments as the Council may from time to
	5	time decide.
Directives by the Minister	6	7. The Minister may give the Council directives of a general character
	7	or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise by the
	8	Council of functions under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Council to
	9	comply with such directives.
Appointment of the Rector of the College	10	8.-(1) There shall be a Rector for the College (in this Bill referred to as
	11	"the Rector") who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the
	12	provisions of this section.
	13	(2) The Rector shall be the head of the College.
Qualification for the post of Rector	14	9. A person to be appointed Rector shall possess:
	15	(a) PhD in Dental Technology or Dental Therapy with evidence of
	16	publications in the relevant fields;
	17	(b) appropriate professional qualifications in Dental Technology or
	18	Dental Therapy and be registered with the Dental Technologists or Dental
	19	Therapists Board of Nigeria;
	20	(c) not less than 15 years cognate experience in the field of Dental
	21	Technology or Dental Therapy;
	22	(d) evidence of community service or hospital administration
	23	experience.
Duties of the Rector	24	10. The Rector shall be responsible for:
	25	(a) the day to day affairs of the College;
	26	(b) the exercise of authority over the employees of the College; and
	27	© the discipline of the students in the College.
Tenure of office of the Rector	28	11. The Rector shall hold office for a period of four years and may be
	29	re-appointed for a further period of four (4) years and no more.

1	12. The Rector shall hold office on such terms and conditions as	Terms and conditions of office of the Rector
2	may be determined by the Minister as set out in his letter of appointment.	
3	13. Where the post of the Rector is vacant, the Council shall:	Vacancy of office of Rector
4	(a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal and three widely	
5	circulated newspapers in Nigeria specifying:	
6	(i) the qualities of a person who may apply for the position; and	
7	(ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and	
8	thereafter, draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration;	
9	(b) A Joint Committee of the Council and the Academic Board	
10	consisting of:	
11	(i) the Chairman of the Council;	
12	(ii) two members of the Council not being members of the	
13	Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer shall consider the	
14	candidates on the short list drawn up under subparagraph (a) (ii) of this	
15	section through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction	
16	with them and recommend to the Council, qualified candidates for its	
17	consideration.	
18	14.-(1) There shall be a Registrar for the College who shall be	Registrar of the College
19	responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration of the College	
20	and shall perform such other duties as the Council or, as the case may be, the	
21	Rector may from time require him to do.	
22	(2) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Council, the	
23	Academic Board and any committee of the Council and shall attend all the	
24	meetings of those bodies unless excused for good cause or reason by the	
25	Chairman of the Council.	
26	(3) Where the Registrar is absent for a meeting of the Council, the	
27	Chairman of the Council may, after consultation with the Rector, appoint a	
28	suitable person to act as Secretary for any particular meeting of the Council.	
29	(4) The Secretary to the Council or a person appointed to act under	
30	subsection (3) of this section shall not be entitled to vote on any question	

	1	before the Council or be counted towards a quorum unless such a person is so
	2	entitled as a member of the Council.
Tenure of office of the Registrar	3	15.-(1) A Registrar-
	4	(a) shall hold office for a period of five years effective from the date of
	5	his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the
	6	letter of his appointment; and
	7	(b) may be re-appointed for one further period of five years and no
	8	more.
	9	(2) Where on the commencement of this Bill, a Registrar has held
	10	office:
	11	(a) for five years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first term
	12	of office and may be re-appointed for a further term of five years;
	13	(b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete
	14	the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his position and be
	15	assigned other duties in the College;
	16	(c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve as
	17	Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish
	18	his post and be assigned other duties in the college.
Appointment of the Deputy Rector	19	16.-(1) There shall be for the College a Deputy Rector.
	20	(2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Rector from among the
	21	chieflecturers in the College in one of the following ways:
	22	(a) from a list of three candidates, in order of preference, submitted by
	23	the Rector; or
	24	(b) on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted for the
	25	College.
	26	(3) The Selection Board referred to in subsection (2) of this section-
	27	(a) shall consist of-
	28	(i) the Chairman of the Council;
	29	(ii) the Rector;

1 (iii) two members of the Council not being members of the
2 Academic Board;

3 (iv) two members of the Academic Board; and

4 (b) make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the
5 recommendation required under subsection (2) (b).

6 (3) The Deputy Rector shall:

7 (a) assist the Rector in the performance of his functions;

8 (b) perform the functions of the Rector when the post of Rector is
9 vacant or if the Rector is for any reason absent or unable to perform his
10 functions as Rector; and

11 (c) perform such other functions as the Rector may, from time to
12 time, assign to him.

13 (4) The Deputy Rector-

14 (a) shall hold office for a period of two (2) years and on such terms
15 and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and

16 (b) may be re-appointed for one further period of two years and no
17 more.

18 **17.-(1)** There shall be for the College the following other principal Other principal
19 officers in addition to the Registrar, that is: officers of the
 College

20 (a) the Bursar; and

21 (b) the Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the
22 recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 16 (3) of
23 this Bill.

24 (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College
25 and shall be responsible to the Rector for the day to day administration and
26 control of the financial affairs of the College.

27 (3) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the
28 administration of the College Library and the co-ordination of the library
29 services in the teaching units of the College.

30 (4) The Bursar or Librarian-

1 (a) shall hold office for a period of four (4) years in the first instance
2 and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
3 appointment;

4 (b) may be re-appointed for a further period of four (4) years and no
5 more.

6 (5) Where on the commencement of this Bill, a Bursar or Librarian
7 has held office:

8 (a) for four (4) years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first
9 term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of four (4) years;

10 (b) for more than four (4) years but less than eight (8) years, he shall
11 complete the maximum period of eight (8) years and thereafter relinquish his
12 post and be assigned other duties in the College;

13 (c) for eight (8) years or more, he shall relinquish his post and be
14 assigned to other duties in the College.

Resignation of
appointment by
principal officers

15 **18.** A principal officer may resign his appointment:

16 (a) in the case of the Rector, by notice to the President;

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

Appointment
of other employees
of the College

18 **19.**-(1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees
19 of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Rector and the
20 principal officers of the College in the performance of their functions under
21 this Bill.

22 (2) The power to appoint all other staff of the College apart from the
23 Rector and the principal officers shall be exercised:

24 (a) in the case of a senior staff, by the Council on the recommendation
25 of the Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee set up under the
26 provisions of paragraph 2 (2) (a) of the Schedule to this Bill;

27 (b) in the case of a junior staff, by the Rector on the recommendation
28 of the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee set up under
29 paragraph 2 (2) (b) of the Schedule to this Bill.

30 (3) The remuneration and tenure of office of staff of the College shall

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1 certificates and diploma, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;

2 (b) presenting to the Council of such periodic reports on such
3 academic matters as the Academic Board may think fit or as the Council may
4 from time to time direct; and

5 (c) the discharge of any other functions which the Council may
6 delegate to it.

Removal of the
Rector from
office

7 **22.**-(1) Where it appears to the Council that the Rector should be
8 removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the
9 functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect
10 to the President and if the President, after making such inquiries as he considers
11 necessary, approves the recommendation, the President shall in writing,
12 declare the office of the Rector vacant.

Removal of staff
of the College
from office

13 **23.**-(1) Where it appears to the Council that there are reasons for
14 believing that any person employed as a member of the academic,
15 administrative or technical staff of the College, other than the Rector, should be
16 removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the
17 functions of his office, the Council shall:

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

19 (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on
20 the matter to the Council within a specific period of time; and

21 (c) if the person in question is an administrative staff, he may request
22 in writing that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint
23 investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Administrative Board of
24 the College, and the joint investigation Committee shall submit its report to the
25 Council within one month of constituting the joint investigation committee and
26 the decision of the Council on the matter shall be final;

27 (d) if the person in question is an academic staff, he may request in
28 writing that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint
29 investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Academic Board of the
30 College, and the joint investigation Committee shall submit its report to the

1 Council within one month of constituting the joint investigation committee
2 and the decision of the Council on the matter shall be final;

3 (e) if the person in question is a technical staff, he may request in
4 writing that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint
5 investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Technical Board of the
6 College, and the joint investigation Committee shall submit its report to the
7 Council within one month of constituting the joint investigation committee
8 and the decision of the Council on the matter shall be final;

9 (f) on the other hand, any three (3) members of the Council may
10 request that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint
11 investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Administrative Board,
12 Academic Board or Technical Board of the College depending on category
13 of the person sought to be removed notwithstanding that the person sought
14 to be removed did not make such request, and the joint investigation
15 Committee shall submit its report to the Council within one month of
16 constituting the joint investigation committee and the decision of the
17 Council on the matter shall be final.

18 (2) The Rector may, in the case of misconduct by a member of the
19 staff which in the opinion of the Rector is prejudicial to the interests of the
20 College, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be
21 reported to the Council.

22 (3) A member of staff may be suspended from office for good
23 cause, or his appointment may be terminated by the Council. For the purpose
24 of this subsection, 'good cause' means:

25 (a) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after
26 obtaining advice from a panel of two (2) medical experts constituted by the
27 Council, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the
28 discharge of the functions of his office; or

29 (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after
30 obtaining medical advice from a panel of two (2) medical experts

1 constituted by the Council, considers to be such as to render the person
2 concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or

3 (c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the Council
4 considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold
5 his office; or

6 (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute
7 failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his
8 office or to comply with the terms and conditions of service.

9 (4) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this
10 section, shall be placed on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration
11 of the three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against
12 that person and come to a decision as to:

13 (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what
14 terms (including the proportion of the emoluments to be paid to him);

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

17 (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person in question, in
18 which case such a person, will not be entitled to the proportion of his
19 emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or

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

27 (5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of
28 removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) above to use his best
29 endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably
30 practicable on the person to whom it relates.

1 (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent
2 the Council from making such regulations for the discipline of other
3 categories of staff and workers of the College as it may think fit.

4 **24.** -(1) The Council may make rules providing for the Rector to Discipline of
5 enquire into alleged acts of misconduct and indiscipline among students.

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

8 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the
9 Rector that any student of the College has been guilty of misconduct, the
10 Rector may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on
11 him by this Bill or regulations, made hereunder direct:

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

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

18 (c) that the student be suspended for such period as may be
19 specified in the directions; or

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

21 (4) Where the post of the Rector is vacant or where the Rector
22 refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly
23 or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified
24 in subsection (1) of this section to any student of the College who is
25 considered guilty of misconduct.

26 (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) above
27 in respect of any student, the student may, within a period of twenty one (21)
28 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal
29 from the direction to the Council; and where such an appeal is brought, the
30 Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the

1 Council considers just either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in
2 such manner as the Council may think fit.

3 (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is pending pursuant to
4 subsection (5) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while
5 the appeal is pending.

6 (7) The Rector may delegate his powers under this section to a
7 disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as he may
8 nominate.

9 (8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as terminating a
10 student's activity (ies) at the College except on the ground of misconduct.

11 (9) It is hereby declared that the direction under subsection (3) (a) of
12 this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of this
13 section.

14 (10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Governing
15 Council shall be final.

Audit of accounts

16 **25.** -(1) The Council shall keep proper records and accounts of its
17 activities and shall cause to be prepared not later than 1st October in each
18 financial year an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the ensuing
19 financial year and when prepared the estimates shall be submitted to the
20 Minister for approval.

21 (2) At the end of each financial year but not later than 30th June, the
22 Council shall cause to be prepared a statement of its income and expenditure
23 during the previous financial year. The statement referred to in subsection (2)
24 above shall, when certified by the Rector, be audited by a firm of auditors
25 appointed by the Council from a list of four (4) firms in accordance with the
26 guidelines supplied by the Auditor General of the Federation and shall be
27 published in the annual report of the College.

Establishment
of fund for the
College

28 **26.**-(1) The College shall establish and maintain a fund from which
29 shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the College in the performance of
30 its functions under this Bill.

1 (2) The funds of the College shall include:
2 (a) such sums as may, from time to time, be granted to the College
3 by the Federal Government of Nigeria;
4 (b) fees charged and payable to the College by the students;
5 (c) any other amount, charged or dues recoverable by the College;
6 (d) revenue from time to time accruing to the College by way of
7 subvention, grants-in-aid, endowment or otherwise;
8 (e) interest on investments; and
9 (f) donations and legacies accruing to the College from any source,
10 for the general or special purpose of the College.

11 **27.**-(1) Donations of money to be applied to any particular purpose
12 shall be placed to the credit of a special reserve account approved by the
13 Council until such time as they may be expended in fulfilment of such
14 purpose.

Donations for
particular purposes

15 (2) The Council shall not be obliged to accept a donation for a
16 particular purpose unless it approves of the terms and conditions attached to
17 such donation.

18 **28.** All sums of money received on account of the College shall be
19 paid into such bank as may be approved for the credit of the College's
20 general, current or deposit account.

Payment into
bank

21 **29.** The Council shall on or before 31st December in each year
22 prepare and submit to the President through the Minister a report of its
23 activities during the preceding financial year and shall include in the report,
24 the audited accounts of the College in respect of that financial year and the
25 auditor's comments on the account.

Annual report

26 **30.**-(1) The Council may make bye-laws relating to any matter
27 within its competence under this Bill other than matters for which provision
28 is to be made by standing orders pursuant to paragraph (6) of the Schedule to
29 this Bill.

Power to make
bye-laws

30 (2) All such bye-laws shall be in writing and shall come into force

	1	when sealed with the seal of the Council unless some other date for their
	2	commencement is prescribed therein.
	3	(3) Nothing in subsection (2) above shall make it obligatory for the
	4	Council to publish any of the said bye-laws in the Gazette but the Governing
	5	Council shall bring such bye-laws to the notice of all affected persons.
Exclusion or discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.	6	31. -(1) A person shall not on ground of race, place of birth, sex,
	7	family background, religious or political interest be denied:
	8	(a) admission into the College;
	9	(b) appointment at the College;
	10	(c) membership of any body established in pursuant to this Bill; or
	11	(d) be given/preferential advantage or be subjected to any other form
	12	of discrimination.
	13	(2) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1) above, the
	14	College shall not be prevented from imposing any restriction on any person(s)
	15	where a person willfully refuses on grounds of the above circumstances to
	16	undertake any duty which may be imposed on national interest or any other
	17	justifiable reasons.
Interpretation	18	32. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:
	19	"Academic Board" means the board established under section 21 of this Bill;
	20	"Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee" means a body by that
	21	name established under paragraph 2 (2) (a) of the Schedule to this Bill;
	22	"Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee" means a body by that
	23	name set up under paragraph 2 (2) (b) of the Schedule to this Bill;
	24	"Minister" means Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to
	25	Health;
	26	"Registrar" means the Registrar of the College appointed under section 14 (1)
	27	of this Bill;
Citation	28	33. This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Dental
	29	Technology and Therapy, Talasse Bill, 2021.

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

1. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or the absence of any member or that a person not entitled to do so took part in its proceedings.

Committees

2.-(1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to which it may delegate any of its functions.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subparagraph (1) of this Schedule, the Council shall appoint the following committees, that is:

(a) The Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall:

(i) consist of a chairman and four (4) members who shall be appointed by the Council, and four (4) other members who shall be appointed by the Rector from members of the senior staff of the College;

(ii) be charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the Council on the appointment and promotion of the academic and senior staff of the College and have a quorum of five (5) members; and if the Chairman of the committee is absent from any meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect one of their members to act as Chairman for that particular meeting;

(b) the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall consist of a Chairman and four (4) other members to be appointed by the Rector and shall have the powers set out in sections 19 (2) (b) of this Bill.

(c) the Committee on Students' Affairs which shall consist of the following members:

(i) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the Rector from among the senior employees of the College;

(ii) one member of the Council;

- 1 (iii) two members of the academic staff of the College; and
2 (iv) four (4) students of the College;
3 (d) the Committee on Students' Affairs shall be charged with the duty
4 of:
5 (i) considering any matter which relates to the welfare of students;
6 (ii) any other matter referred to it by either the Council or students of
7 the College;
8 (e) any matter which the students refer to the Council shall be referred
9 to the Committee on Students' Affairs in the first instance.
10 (3) No decision of a committee shall have effect unless same is
11 confirmed by the Council.

12 *Proceedings of the Council*

13 3.-(1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times
14 as the Chairman of the Council may appoint but the meeting of the Council
15 shall hold not less than twice in a year.

16 (2) The Chairman of the Council may at any time and shall at the
17 request in writing of not less than five members of the Council summon a
18 meeting of the Council.

19 (3) Particulars of the business to be transacted by the Council shall be
20 circulated to members with the notice of the meeting at least two weeks before
21 the date of the meeting.

22 4.-(1) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on
23 any particular matter, it may co-opt such person as a member for a meeting
24 whether or not expressly convened for the purpose of considering the particular
25 matter but no co-opted member shall be entitled to vote or considered as part of
26 the quorum.

27 5.-(1) Every question put before the Council at a meeting shall be
28 decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting.

29 (2) Seven members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the
30 Council.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy, Talasse, Gombe, to make the institution more effective in the discharge of its functions by strengthening the organisational framework; and to bring its provisions in conformity with current democratic principles and operations of existing educational and technological institutions, and the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Bill also empowers the College to Provide Courses of instruction Leading to the Award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in Dental Technology, Dental Therapy.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT TO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE ON THE PART OF GOVERNMENT AT ALL TIERS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT SHALL CONSTITUTE AN IMPEACHABLE OFFENCE PUNISHABLE ON CONVICTION BY IMPOSITION OF FINE AND AN IMPRISONMENT TERM AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun

[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1. The Fiscal Responsibility Act, Cap. F40, Laws of the Federation</p> <p>2 of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the Principal Act) is hereby</p> <p>3 amended as set out in this Bill.</p> | <p>Amendment of
the Fiscal
Responsibility
Act, Cap. F40,
LFN, 2004</p> |
| <p>4 2. Section 41(3) of the Principal Act is amended as follows:</p> <p>5 “(3) Non-compliance with the provisions of this section shall make</p> <p>6 the action taken an impeachable offence and the offender shall be liable on</p> <p>7 conviction to a fine of N500,000,000 (five hundred million) or</p> <p>8 imprisonment for a term of three years or to both such fine and</p> <p>9 imprisonment”.</p> | <p>Amendment of
Section 41(3)</p> |
| <p>10 3. This Bill may be cited as Fiscal Responsibility Act</p> <p>11 (Amendment) Bill, 2021</p> | <p>Citation</p> |

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act Cap. F40 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 2004, to provide that failure on the part of government at all tiers to comply with the provisions of the Act shall constitute an impeachable offence punishable on conviction by imposition of fine and an imprisonment term.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA
ACT TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF ITS FUNCTIONS AND FOR RELATED
MATTERS

Sponsored Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun

[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1. The Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act Cap. A 12</p> <p>2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the</p> <p>3 Principal Act) is hereby amended as set out in this Bill.</p> | <p>Amendment of
the Agricultural
Research Council
of Nigeria Act,
Cap. A12 LFN
2004</p> |
| <p>4 2. The Principal Act is amended by inserting new paragraphs in</p> <p>5 section 5 immediately before the extant paragraph (j) as follows:</p> <p>6 "(j) organise periodic training and capacity building conferences,</p> <p>7 seminars and workshops for officers of agricultural research training</p> <p>8 institutes in the country;"</p> <p>9 "(k) train and equip officers of agricultural research training</p> <p>10 institutes with requisite knowledge and skill in evolving areas of</p> <p>11 agricultural research;"</p> | <p>Amendment of
Section 5</p> |
| <p>12 3. This Bill may be cited as the Agricultural Research Council of</p> <p>13 Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021.</p> | <p>Citation</p> |

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act Cap. A12 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 2004, to expand the scope of the functions of the Institute and to give it powers to organize capacity building workshops for officers of Agricultural Training Institutes in Nigeria.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRICE CONTROL ACT TO REVIEW THE PENALTIES
STIPULATED FOR OFFENCES UNDER THE ACT AND THEREBY STRENGTHEN
THE ACT FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Price Control Act Cap.P28 Laws of the Federation of
2 Nigeria (LFN) 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the Principal Act) is hereby
3 amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of
the Price Control
Act, Cap. P28
LFN 2004
- 4 **2.** Section 6(2)(a) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting
5 N1,000,000 in place of N200 and N10,000,000 in place of N2,000 as
6 follows: Amendment of
Section 6(2)(a)
7 "If any person contravenes subsection (1) of this section in respect
8 of any controlled commodity:
9 (a) he shall be guilty of an offence and shall-
10 (i) in the case of a retailer, be liable to a fine of not less than
11 N1,000,000 and not more than N10,000,000, or to imprisonment for not less
12 than twelve months, or to both such fine and imprisonment; and
13 (ii) in the case of a manufacturer, wholesaler or major distributor,
14 be liable to a fine of not less than N5,000,000 and not more than
15 N50,000,000, or to imprisonment for not less than three years, or to both
16 such fine and imprisonment; and"
- 17 **3.** Section 7(4)(a)(i) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting
18 two years in place of six months and by inserting N50,000,000 in place of
19 N5,000 in sub paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a) as follows: Amendment of
Section 7(4)(a)
20 "Where a person is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) of

1 this section in respect of any controlled commodity of any description:

2 (a) he shall-

3 (i) in the case of an individual, be sentenced to imprisonment for not
4 less than two years without the option of fine; and

5 (ii) in the case of a body corporate be sentenced to a fine of not less
6 than N10,000,000; and"

Amendment
of Section 8(4)(a)

7 **4.** Section 8(4)(a)(i) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting
8 N1,000,000 in place of N200 and N10,000,000 in place of N2,000 and twelve
9 months in place of six months and by inserting N5,000,000 in place of N1,000
10 and N50,000,000 in place of N10,000 in sub paragraph (ii) as follows:

11 "(4) If any person contravenes subsection (3) of this section:

12 (a) he shall be guilty of an offence and shall-

13 (i) in the case of a retailer, be liable to a fine of not less than
14 N1,000,000 and not more than N10,000,000, or to imprisonment for not less
15 than twelve months, or to both such fine and imprisonment; and

16 (ii) in the case of a wholesaler, be liable to a fine of not less than
17 N5,000,000 and not more than N50,000,000, or to imprisonment for not less
18 than three years, or to both such fine and imprisonment; and"

Amendment
of Section 9(5)

19 **5.** Section 9(5) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting
20 N1,000,000 in place of N200 and N10,000,000 in place of N2,000 and twelve
21 months in place of six months as follows:

22 "(5) Any person who knowingly obstructs the Chief Price Controller,
23 the State Price Controller or an inspector in the exercise of his functions shall
24 be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of not less than
25 N1,000,000 and not more than N10,000,000, or to imprisonment for not less
26 than twelve months, or to both such fine and imprisonment."

Amendment
of Section 10(1)

27 **6.** Section 10(2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting
28 N1,000,000 in place of N200 and twelve months in place of six months as
29 follows:

30 "(2) Any person, who-

1 (a)

2 (b)

3 shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not
4 less than N1,000,000 or imprisonment for not less than twelve months."

5 7. Section 12(5) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting Amendment of
6 N5,000,000 in place of N5,000 as follows: Section 12(5)

7 "(5) Any person who knowingly and without reasonable excuse
8 breaks a seal affixed under subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an
9 offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than N5,000,000
10 or to imprisonment for not less than two years".

11 8. Section 13(2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting Amendment of
12 N5,000,000 in place of N5,000 as follows: Section 13(2)

13 "(2) If any person contravenes any provision of an order made
14 under subsection (1) of this section he shall be guilty of an offence and on
15 conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than N5,000,000 or to
16 imprisonment for not less than three years or to both such fine and
17 imprisonment.

18 9. Section 17(b) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting Amendment of
19 N5,000,000 in place of N200 and twelve months in place of six months as Section 17(b)
20 follows:

21 "17(b) prescribing penalties not exceeding a fine of N5,000,000 or
22 imprisonment for twelve months for any contravention of the regulations."

23 10. This Bill may be cited as Price Control Act (Amendment) Bill, Citation
24 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Price Control Act Cap. P37 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 2004, to review the penalties stipulated for offences under the Act and thereby strengthen the Act for effectiveness.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL CHARACTER COMMISSION (EST., ETC.)
ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS, THE
COMMISSION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND NOT THE
PRESIDENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun

[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1. The Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act</p> <p>2 Cap.F7 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 2004 (in this Bill referred</p> <p>3 to as the Principal Act) is hereby amended as set out in this Bill.</p> | <p>Amendment of
the Principal Act</p> |
| <p>4 2. Section 4(1)(a) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting "in</p> <p>5 accordance with the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of</p> <p>6 Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended)" in place of "subject to the approval of the</p> <p>7 President" as follows:</p> <p>8 “(1) The functions of the Commission shall be-</p> <p>9 (a) To work out an equitable formula, in accordance with the</p> <p>10 provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As</p> <p>11 Amended), for the distribution of all cadres of posts in the civil and the</p> <p>12 public service off the Federation and of the States, the armed forces, the</p> <p>13 Nigeria Police Force and other security agencies, bodies corporate owned</p> <p>14 by the Federal or States Government and Extra-Ministerial Departments</p> <p>15 and Parastatals of the Federation and States;</p> | <p>Amendment of
Section 4(1)(a)</p> |
| <p>16 3. Section 4(1)(d) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting "in</p> <p>17 accordance with the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of</p> <p>18 Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended)" in place of "subject to the approval the</p> | <p>Amendment of
Section 4(1)(d)
(i) and (ii)</p> |

1 President" as follows:

2 "(d) To work out-

3 (i) an equitable formula, in accordance with the provisions of the
4 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended), for
5 distribution of socio-economic services, amenities and infrastructural
6 facilities;

7 (ii) modalities and schemes, in accordance with the provisions of the
8 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended), for
9 redressing the problems of imbalances and reducing the fear of relative
10 deprivation and marginalisation in the Nigerian system of federalism as it
11 obtains in the public and private sectors;

Amendment of
Section 4(1)(e)

12 4. Section 4(1)(e) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting "in
13 accordance with Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As
14 Amended)" in place of "subject to the approval of the President" as follows:

15 "(e) to intervene in the operation of any agency of the Federal
16 Government, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the
17 Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended), where in the opinion of the
18 Commission the function of the agency concerned is relevant to the functions
19 of the Commission and the Commission is of the opinion that it is not being
20 effectively implemented;

Citation

21 5. This Bill may be cited as Federal Character Commission
22 (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act Cap.F7 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (LFN) 2004, to provide that in the discharge of its functions, the Commission shall act in accordance with the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Amended) and not subject to the approval of President.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, TURETA, SOKOTO STATE, TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COURSES LEADING TO THE AWARD OF DIPLOMA, HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED FIELD, AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DUE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLLEGE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Balarabe Shehu Kakale

[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1.-(1) There is established the Federal College of Agriculture,
 2 Tureta, Sokoto State (herein after referred to as "the college").
 3 (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual
 4 succession and common seeds and shall have the power to acquire and
 5 dispose of interest in movable and immovable property
 6 (3) The College may sue and be sued in its corporate name.</p> | <p>Establishment
of Federal College
of Agriculture,
Tureta, Sokoto
State</p> |
| <p>7 2.-(1) There is established for the college a governing council (in
 8 the Bill referred to as "the Council").
 9 (2) The Council shall have the responsibility to consider and
 10 approve:
 11 (a) the Programme of studies to be undertaken in the college;
 12 (b) the annual estimates of the college; and
 13 (c) the investment plan of the college.
 14 (3) The Provision of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with
 15 respect to the proceeding of the council.</p> | <p>Governing Council
of the College</p> |
| <p>16 3.-(1) The council of the college shall consist of:
 17 (a) a chairman and other members to be appointed by the President;</p> | <p>Membership of
the Council in
the College</p> |

	1	(b) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural
	2	Resources;
	3	(c) a representative of the University of which the College is affiliated
	4	to for the purpose of moderation;
	5	(d) two representatives of the academic board of the College; and
	6	(e) the Provost of the College.
Tenure of Members of the Council	7	4.-(1) A member of the council (other than the ex-official members)
	8	shall hold office for a term of four years and subject to the provision of sub-
	9	section (2) of this section shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further
	10	period of four years and also move.
	11	(2) The office of a member appointed under section 3 of this Bill shall
	12	become vacant of:
	13	(a) the member resigns in office by notice of writing under his hand
	14	addressed to the Minister; or
	15	(b) the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the college for
	16	the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to
	17	that effect.
Functions of the College	18	5. The functions of the college shall be:
	19	(a) to provide full-time courses in teaching instruction and training:
	20	(i) in Agriculture and allied matters; and
	21	(ii) in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of
	22	development of Nigeria:
	23	(b) to conduct courses in Agriculture for qualified teachers;
	24	(c) to arrange conferences, seminars and workshops relative to the
	25	functions of the college and
	26	(d) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the council
	27	may serve to promote the objective of the college.
Power of the Council	28	6. The council of the college shall have power to:
	29	(a) hold examinations and grant Diplomas, Professional Certificates
	30	and other distinctions to persons, who have pursued of study approved and

- 1 accredited by the relevant regulatory body;
- 2 (b) hold examinations in Agriculture for qualified teachers;
- 3 (c) recruit staff and determine structure of such staff;
- 4 (d) demand and receive from any student or any other person
- 5 attending the college for the purpose of study such fees as the council may
- 6 with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;
- 7 (e) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and
- 8 bookselling;
- 9 (f) award fellowship, medals, prizes and other titles;
- 10 (g) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units
- 11 with the college or extra moral departments as the councils may from time to
- 12 time determine;
- 13 (h) erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational
- 14 recreational and residential facilities as the college may require;
- 15 (i) create lectureships and other academic post and offices and to
- 16 make appointment thereof;
- 17 (j) receive and make gifts;
- 18 (k) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedients for
- 19 carrying into effects the objections of the college;
- 20 (l) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the
- 21 welfare of the staff and students of the college;
- 22 (m) encourage and make provision for research in the college;
- 23 (n) do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the
- 24 foregoing power as may advance the objects of the college.
- 25 7.-(1) The Minister responsible for Agriculture and Natural Visitation
- 26 Resources shall be the visitor of the college.
- 27 (2) The visitor shall, not less than once in every five year, conduct a
- 28 visitation to the college or appoint a visitation panels consists of not less than
- 29 five experts to conduct the visitation:
- 30 (a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative

	1	performance of the college; or
	2	(b) for such other purpose as the visitor may deem fit.
The Academic Board and its functions	3	8. -(1) There shall be established for the college a Board to be known
	4	as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members;
	5	(a) the Provost of the college as the chairman;
	6	(b) all heads of departments;
	7	(c) the college bursar;
	8	(d) the college Librarian; and
	9	(e) not more than three members of the Academic staff other than the
	10	heads of departments to be appointed by the council.
	11	(2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:
	12	(a) the direction and management of academic matters of the college
	13	including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates,
	14	scholarships, prizes and other academic distinction;
	15	(b) discharging any other functions which the council may from time
	16	to time delegate to it.
Power of Minister	17	9. The Minister may give to the council directions of the general
	18	character or relating generally to matter with regard to the exercise by the
	19	council of its functions and it shall be the duty of the council to comply with such
	20	directions.
The Provost of the College	21	10. -(1) There shall be a Provost for the college (herein after referred to
	22	as "the Provost") who shall be appointed by the president on the
	23	recommendation of the Minister.
	24	(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the provost, the council
	25	shall:
	26	(a) advertise the vacancy in reputable widely read newspaper in
	27	Nigeria specifying:
	28	(i) the qualities of the person who may apply for the post:
	29	(ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post and

1 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration of the
2 Minister.

3 (3) The President shall appoint as provost one of the candidates
4 recommended by the Minister.

5 (4) Subject to the general control of the council the provost shall be
6 the chief executive of the college and shall be charged with general
7 responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management and
8 operations of the college.

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

12 **11.-(1)** There shall be for the college two deputy provosts namely: Deputy Provost
13 Deputy Provost (Academic) and the Deputy Provost (Administration).

14 (2) The council shall the deputy provosts from among the chief
15 lecturers in the college in any of the following ways, that is:

16 (a) from a list of five candidates in order of preference, submitted
17 by the provost;

18 (b) on the recommendation of a selection Board constituted for
19 their purpose; or

20 (c) on the nomination of the provost.

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

23 (a) consist of:

24 (i) the Chairman of the council;

25 (ii) the Provost of the college;

26 (iii) two members of the Academic board; and

27 (iv) two members of the council not being members of the
28 Academic Board.

29 (4) (a) The Deputy Provost (Academic) shall:

30 (i) assist the provost in the performance of his function in

1 Academic matters of the college;

2 (ii) act as the provost when the post of the provost is vacant or if the
3 provost is for any reason, absent or unable to perform his function.

4 (b) The Deputy Provost (Administration) shall:

5 (i) assist the provost in administrative matters of the college; and

6 (ii) perform such other functions as the provost or the council may
7 from time to time assign to him.

8 (5) Each of the deputy provosts shall hold office for a period of two
9 years and no more.

The Registrar
and other staff
of the College

10 **12.**-(1) There shall be a registrar for the college to be appointed by the
11 council.

12 (2) The registrar shall keep the records and conduct the
13 correspondence of the council;

14 (3) The registrar shall be the secretary to:

15 (a) the Council;

16 (b) the Academic Board; and

17 (c) any Committee of the council.

18 (4) The Registrar may perform any duty as may be assigned to him by
19 the council or the Provost.

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

Other principal
officers of the
College

22 **13.**-(1) There shall be for the college in addition to the registrar:

23 (a) the Bursar; and

24 (b) the College Librarian who shall be appointed by the Council

25 (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the college and be
26 responsible to the Provost for the day -to- day administration and control of the
27 financial affairs of the college.

28 (3) The college Librarian shall be responsible to the provost for the
29 administration of the college library and the coordination of the library services
30 in the teaching units of the college.

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Other employees
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Selection board
for other principal
officers

Fund of the
College

	1	(a) such sums as may from time to time be granted by the Federal
	2	Government through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural
	3	Resources;
	4	(b) all monies raised by the council by way of gifts, grants III aid or
	5	test monetary disposition; and
	6	(c) all subscription fees and charges for services rendered by the
	7	council and all other sums that may accrue to the council from any source.
	8	(3) The council shall submit to the Minister not later than three
	9	months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as he may
	10	direct an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding
	11	financial year.
Power to accept gifts	12	19.-(1) The College may accept gifts of loan, money or of other
	13	property upon such terms and conditions, of any as may be specified by the
	14	person making the gifts.
	15	(2) The College shall not any gift of the conditions attached to the gifts
	16	are inconsistent with the functions of the college.
Account and audit	17	20. The college shall keep proper accounts of its receipt, payments,
	18	assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cease the account to be
	19	audited.
Annual reports	20	21. The council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each
	21	financial year, prepare and submit to the minister a report of its activities during
	22	the immediate proceeding financial year and shall include in the report a copy
	23	of the audited accounts of the college for that year and of the auditor's report of
	24	the accounts.
Interpretation	25	22. In this Bill:
	26	"Chairman" means the chairman of the council;
	27	"College" means the Federal College of Agriculture, Tureta, Sokoto State
	28	established under section (1) of this Bill;
	29	"Council" means the Governing Council of the college established under
	30	section 2 of this Bill;

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1 of the council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of
2 the council.

3 (4) The Quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members
4 of the Council, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the
5 President.

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

8 *Miscellaneous*

9 5.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the college shall be authenticated by the
10 signature of the chairman, Provost and of some other members of the Council
11 authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.

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

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

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Turata, Sokoto state as Institute to offer full-time courses leading to the awards of National Diplomas, Higher National Diplomas etc.