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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEACHING HOSPITAL
FOR THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY LAFIA AND OF A MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR
THE HOSPITAL AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Senator Al-Makura, Umaru Tanko

[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1.-(1) There shall be established in Lafia a teaching hospital, to be</p> <p>2 known as the Federal University Lafia Teaching Hospital, for the purpose of</p> <p>3 providing such facilities for the training of medical students as are usually</p> <p>4 provided by teaching hospitals of internationally high repute.</p> | <p>Establishment
of the Federal
University Teaching
Hospital, Lafia</p> |
| <p>5 2. There shall be established a board of management for the</p> <p>6 hospital, which shall be a body corporate by the name of the Federal</p> <p>7 University Lafia Teaching Hospital Management Board.</p> | <p>Establishment
of the Hospital
and the Management
Board</p> |
| <p>8 3. The composition, functions and powers of the Board</p> <p>9 established under subsection (2) of section 2 shall be as provided for in the</p> <p>10 University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstruction of Boards, etc.) Act.</p> | <p>Composition,
Functions, etc.,
of Board</p> |
| <p>11 4. This Act may be cited as the Federal University Lafia Teaching</p> <p>12 Hospital Bill, 2021.</p> | <p>Short title</p> |

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of a teaching hospital for the Federal University Lafia and of a management board for the hospital n, for the purpose of providing such facilities for the training of medical students as are usually provided by teaching hospitals of internationally high repute.

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITALS
(RECONSTITUTION OF BOARDS, ETC.) ACT NO10 1985 AND FOR RELATED
MATTERS, 2021

Sponsored by Senator Al-Makura, UmaruTanko

[] Commencement

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

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| <p>1 1. The University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards,
2 Etc.) Act No 10 1985 (in this bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended
3 as set out in this Bill.</p> <p>4 2. The third schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting
5 after the existing item "O" new item "P" - as follows-</p> <p>6 "P". the Federal University Lafia Teaching Hospital".</p> <p>7 3. This Bill is cited as University Teaching Hospitals
8 (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc.) Act No 10 1985 (Amendment) Bill, 2021</p> | <p>Amendment of
University Teaching
Hospitals
(Reconstitution
of Boards, Etc.)
Act No 10 1985
1979</p> <p>Amendment of
the First Schedule
to the Principal
Act</p> <p>Citation</p> |
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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc.) Act No 10 1985 to include an additional Teaching Hospital in Lafia.

FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTERS (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO ESTABLISH THE
FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTERS, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2021

Sponsored by Senator Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed

[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTERS

2 1.- (1) There is established the Federal Medical Centers (in this Bill Establishment
3 referred to as "the Centers") as specified in the Second Schedule to this Bill. of Federal Medical
Centers

4 (2) The hospitals:

5 (a) shall be a body corporate;

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

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

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

11 3.- (1) The Board shall consist of:

12 (a) a chairman;

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

14 (c) the Director of Clinical Services;

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

17 (e) a representative of the President;

18 (f) the Federal Ministry of Health;

19 (g) Association of Medical Lab Scientist of Nigeria;

20 (h) Medical and Health Union of Nigeria;

21 (i) the Nigerian Medical Association of Nigeria;

Membership of
the Board

	1	(j) National Planning Commission;
	2	(k) the Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria;
	3	(l) the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria ;
	4	(m) the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives;
	5	(n) one person to represent public interest.
	6	(2) The chairman and members of the Board, other than ex-officio
	7	members, shall be:
	8	(a) appointed by the President; and
	9	(b) persons of proven integrity and ability.
Schedule	10	(3) The supplementary provisions set out in the First Schedule to this
	11	Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other
	12	matters contained therein.
Tenure of office	13	4. Subject to the provisions of section 5 of this Bill, a member of the
	14	Board, other than ex-officio members, shall each hold office:
	15	(a) for a term of three years in the first instance and may be re-
	16	appointed for a further term of three years and no more; and
	17	(b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
	18	appointment.
Cessation of membership	19	5.-(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of this Bill a person
	20	shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board if:
	21	(a) he becomes bankrupt, suspends payment principal loan with his
	22	creditors;
	23	(b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or
	24	fraud;
	25	(c) he becomes of unsound mind or is incapable of carrying out his
	26	duties;
	27	(d) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties; or
	28	(e) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications, he
	29	is disqualified or suspended, other than at his own request, from practising his
	30	profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority made in

1 respect of that member; or

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

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

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

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

13 PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE BOARD, ETC.

14 7.- (1) The Board shall:

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

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

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

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

30 (3) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall perform such other

Powers of the
Board

1 functions which in its opinion are calculated to facilitate the carrying out of its
2 functions under this Bill.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 **PART III - STAFF OF THE MEDICAL CENTER**

Medical Director
of the Medical
Center

18 **9.-(1)** There shall be for the Medical Center a Chief Medical Director
19 who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of Hon.
20 Minister of Health on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his
21 letter of appointment or as may be determined, from time to time, by the
22 National Salaries Income and Wages Commission.

23 (2) The Chief Medical Director shall:

24 (a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Medical
25 Center;

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

28 (c) be appointed for a term of four years in the first instance and may
29 be reappointed for a further term of four years subject to satisfactory
30 performance;

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

3 (e) have considerable administrative experience in matters of
4 health;

5 (f) hold a post-graduate specialist qualification obtained not less
6 than ten years prior to the appointment as Chief Medical Director.

7 **10.-** (1) The Board shall appoint for the Medical Center:

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

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

11 (ii) conduct the correspondence of the Board and keep the records
12 of the Medical Center; and

13 (iii) perform such other functions as the Board or the Chief Medical
14 Director, as the case may be, may, from time to time, assign to him;

15 (b) a Director of Clinical Services;

16 (c) a Director of Finance;

17 (d) a Director of Maintenance.

18 (2) The Directors appointed under paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of
19 subsection (1) of this section shall each be responsible to the Chief Medical
20 Director for the effective running of the clinical services, the finance and
21 accounts and the co-ordination of the maintenance of the Medical Center, as
22 the case may be.

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

27 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of
28 this section the Board shall have power to appoint for the Medical Center
29 either directly or on secondment from any public service in the Federation,
30 such number of employees as may, in the opinion of the Board, be required

Appointment of
Director of
Administration
and recruitment
of other staff of
the Medical Center

1 to assist the Medical Center in the discharge of any of its functions under this
2 Bill.

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

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

Service in the
Medical Center
to be pensionable

10 **11.**-(1) Service in the Medical Center shall be approved service for the
11 purposes of the Pensions Reforms Act.

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

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

Establishment
of the Medical
Advisory
Committee, etc.

19 **12.**- (1) There shall be for the Medical Center a Medical Advisory
20 Committee which shall:

21 (a) consist of a chairman who shall be the Director, Clinical Services
22 and such number of other members as may be determined from time to time;

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

25 (c) be appointed by the Board.

26 (2) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall have power to appoint either
27 directly or on secondment and discipline consultants holding or acting in any
28 office in the hospital; and any such appointment shall be made having due
29 regard to the approved personnel establishment of the Medical Center.

30 (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Board may, from

1 time to time, appoint consultants outside the hospital to perform such
2 medical duties as the Board or the Chief Medical Director may assign to
3 such consultants.

4 PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

5 13. There shall be established and maintained for the Medical Fund of the
6 Center a fund into which shall be paid and credited: Medical Center

7 (a) all subventions and budgetary allocation from the Government
8 of the Federation;

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

11 (c) all sums accruing to the Medical Center by way of gifts,
12 endowments, bequests, grants or other contributions by persons and
13 organisations;

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

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

17 14. The hospital shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its Expenditure of
18 disposal to: the Medical Center

19 (a) the cost of administration and maintenance of the Medical
20 Center;

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

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

24 (d) pay the salaries, allowances and benefits of employees of the
25 Medical Center;

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

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

Power to accept gifts	1	15.- (1) The Medical Center may accept gifts of land, money or other
	2	property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person
	3	or organisation making the gift.
	4	(2) The Medical Center shall not accept any gift if the conditions
	5	attached by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the
	6	functions of the Medical Center under this Bill.
Annual estimates and expenditure	7	16. -(1) The Board shall, not later than 30 September in each year,
	8	submit to the President through the Secretary to the Government of the
	9	Federation an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Medical Center
	10	during the next succeeding year.
	11	(2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Medical
	12	Center in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and shall
Annual report	13	cause the accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end of each
	14	year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines
	15	supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.
	16	17. The Board shall prepare and submit to the President, not later than
	17	30th June in each year, a report in such form as the President may direct on the
	18	activities of the Medical Center during the immediately preceding year, and
Power to borrow	19	shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Federal Medical
	20	Center for that year and the auditor's report thereon.
	21	18. -(1) The Medical Center may, from time to time, borrow by
	22	overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its
	23	functions under this Bill.
	24	(2) The Medical Center shall not, without the approval of the
	25	President, borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the
	26	President.
	27	(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, where the sum to
	28	be borrowed is in foreign currency, the Medical Center shall not borrow the
	29	sum without the prior approval of the President.

Exemption from
tax

Exemption from
customs duties, etc.

Discipline of
students

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

Removal and
discipline of
clinical,
administrative
and technical staff

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

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

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

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

12 **22.** -(1) If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing
13 that any person employed as a member of the clinical, administrative or
14 technical staff of the Medical Center, other than the Chief Medical Director,
15 should be removed from his office or employment, the Board shall require the
16 Director of Administration to:

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

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

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

22 (i) a committee to investigate the matter and report on it to the Board;
23 and

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

30 (2) The Chief Medical Director may, in a case of misconduct by a

1 member of the staff which in the opinion of the Chief Medical Director is
2 prejudicial to the interest of the Medical Center, suspend any such member
3 and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board.

4 (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from
5 his duties or his appointment may be terminated or he may be dismissed by
6 the Board and for the purposes of this section, "good cause" means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against the

1 person (including the restoration of his emoluments that might have been
2 withheld), as the Board may determine, and in any case where the Board,
3 pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to
4 take further disciplinary action against a person, the Board shall before the
5 expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final
6 determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.

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

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

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

Discipline of
junior staff

19 **23.**-(1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the
20 Chief Medical Director may suspend him for not more than a period of 3
21 months and shall direct a committee to:

22 (a) consider the case; and

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

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

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

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

5 PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS

6 **24.-** (1) The Board may, with the approval of the President, make Regulations
7 regulations

8 (a) as to the access of members of the public either generally or of a
9 particular class, to premises under the control of the Board and as to the
10 orderly conduct of members of the public on those premises; and

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

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

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

22 **26.-**(1) On the commencement of this Bill, any person employed Transition and
23 by or serving in, the Medical Center shall be deemed to have been employed Savings Provision
24 or serving in the Medical Center established under this Bill.

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

27 **27.** The definition of the Federal Medical Center shall be amended Interpretation
28 to mean all the Federal Medical Centers specified under the Second
29 Schedule to this Bill:

30 "associate universities" means the universities whose medical students

1 receive aspects of their training from the Medical Center;
2 "Board" means the Board of Management of the Medical Center;
3 "chairman" means the chairman of the Board;
4 "functions" include powers and duties;
5 "junior staff" means staff of such grade as may be determined, from time to
6 time, by the Board;
7 "medical student" means a student whose course of instruction is:
8 (a) designed (either alone or in conjunction with other courses) to
9 enable him to qualify as a medical practitioner; or
10 (b) designed for the further training of medical practitioners;
11 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating
12 to health and
13 "Ministry" shall be construed accordingly;
14 "student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Board for
15 the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution.

Short title

16 **28.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centers
17 (Establishment) Bill, 2021.

18 SCHEDULE

19 [Section 3 (3)]

20 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

21 *Proceedings of the Board*

22 1.-(1) Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the
23 Board may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of
24 its committees.

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

29 2.-(1) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the
30 chairman and if the chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not

1 less than 8 other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be
2 held within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.

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

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

11 *Committees*

12 3-(1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out,
13 on behalf of the Board, such functions as the Board may determine.

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

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

20 *Miscellaneous*

21 4.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Medical Center shall be
22 authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman, the Chief Medical Director
23 or any person generally or specifically authorized by the Board to act for that
24 purpose.

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

30 (3) A document purporting to be a document duly executed under

1 the seal of the Medical Center shall be received in evidence and shall, unless
2 and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

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

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

6 (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or
7 committee; or

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

10 SECOND SCHEDULE

11 [Section 1 (1)]

12 FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTERS

13 1. Federal Medical Center, Abakaliki,

14 2. Federal Medical Center, Abeokuta

15 3. Federal Medical Center, Asaba

16 4. Federal Medical Center, Azare

17 5. Federal Medical Center, Bida

18 6. Federal Medical Center, Birni-Kebbi

19 7. Federal Medical Center, Birni-Kudu

20 8. Federal Medical Center, Ebute-Meta

21 9. Federal Medical Center, Gombe

22 10. Federal Medical Center, Gusau

23 11. Federal Medical Center, Ado, Ekiti

24 12. Federal Medical Center, Jalingo

25 13. Federal Medical Center, Katsina

26 14. Federal Medical Center, Keffi

27 15. Federal Medical Center, Lokoja

28 16. Federal Medical Center, Makurdi

29 17. Federal Medical Center, Nguru

30 18. Federal Medical Center, Owerri

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| 1 | 19. Federal Medical Center, Owo |
| 2 | 20. Federal Medical Center, Umuahia |
| 3 | 21. Federal Medical Center, Yenagoa |
| 4 | 22. Federal Medical Center, Yola |
| 5 | 23. Federal Medical Center, Jabi |

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide the Legal Framework to establish the Federal Medical Centers.