

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION ACT CAP. N81 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSION TO EXERCISE SUPERVISORY CONTROL OVER ANY RESEARCH AND ALLIED INSTITUTES IN ACCREDITATION OF PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The National Universities Commission Act Cap. N81 Laws of Amendment of
- 2 the Federation of Nigeria 2004 in this Bill referred to as ("The Principal") is Cap. N81 LFN,
- 3 amended as set out in this Bill. 2004

- 4 2. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by: Amendment of
- 5 (a) Inserting a new section "14A": Section 14
- 6 "14 A. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in any law
- 7 establishing any Research or Allied Institutes in Nigeria, no such Institutes
- 8 shall have power to accredit any programme in any university independent
- 9 of the National Universities
- 10 Commission"; and
- 11 (b) Renumbering the sections appropriately.
- 12 3. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended by inserting the Amendment of
- 13 words "Allied Institutes" Interpretation
- 14 "Allied Institutes" means those institutes appropriately established section
- 15 by law and have powers to accredit programmes that will lead to award of
- 16 degrees in Nigeria Universities".
- 17 4. This Bill may be cited as the National Universities Commission Citation
- 18 Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Universities Commission Act Cap. N81 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to empower the Commission to exercise supervisory control over any research and allied institutes in accreditation of programmes in Nigerian Universities.