

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN THE SYLLABUSES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT, SKILL ACQUISITION AND SELF EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTHS IN NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2015

Sponsored by Hon. Rita .O. Orji

[] Commencement

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

1 1.-(1) As from the Commencement of this Act all Secondary Vocational
2 Schools in Nigeria shall include the teaching of Vocational Training as part Training
3 of the curriculum.

4 (2) It is hereby accordingly declared that it shall be the policy of
5 Government to ensure that Vocational Training, be taught in all Secondary
6 Schools in Nigeria as from the commencement of this Bill. Herein referred
7 to as the "Principal Act".

8 2.-(1) Every Secondary School in Nigeria that fails or refuses to Offences and
9 include the teaching of Vocational Training, in its Syllabuses commits an Penalties
10 offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than One Million
11 Naira (N1,000,000.00) or may have its operating license revoked.

12 (2) Where a Secondary School commits an offense under this Bill,
13 any Officer or Agent of the School who directed, authorized, assented to or
14 acquiesced or participated in the commission of the offense is a party to and
15 is liable on conviction to a fine not less than Five Hundred Thousand Naira
16 (N500,000.00), or to imprisonment for a term of Twelve Months.

17 3. The Federal Ministry of Education shall prepare the content of Regulation
18 Vocational Training in the school curriculum.

Interpretation

1 4. In this Bill unless the context otherwise requires:
2 "Secondary School" means Public and Private (Government Approved Private
3 Schools) in Nigeria;
4 "Vocational Training" means Education that prepares people for specific
5 trades, crafts and careers at various levels from a trade, a craft, technician
6 which emphasizes skills and knowledge required for a particular job function
7 (such as typing or data entry) or a trade (such as carpentry or welding etc)
8 designed to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills, to be self-
9 dependant and self-empowerment after Secondary (if need be) to reduce the
10 rising phenomena of unemployment and joblessness in Nigeria.

Short Title

11 5. This Bill may be cited as Vocational Training (Inclusion in
12 Secondary Schools Syllabuses) Bill, 2015.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill Seeks to Provide for the Inclusion and Teaching of Vocational Training as a Course in the Syllabuses of all Secondary Schools in Nigeria; To Promote the Development, to Train Self Dependant and Self Empowered Skilled Nigerian Youth after leaving Secondary School to reduce the problem of unemployment and for best International Practice.

This Bill also makes it an Offence for any Secondary School in Nigeria not to include the Teaching of Vocational Training in the Syllabuses of its School.