

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE IT COMPULSORY FOR ALL SCHOOLS TO TEACH THE NIGERIAN CONSTITUTION AS A SUBJECT IN SCHOOLS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[] Commencement

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

1 1. As from the commencement of this Bill all schools in Nigeria
 2 National Ethics shall include the teaching of the Nigerian Constitution in
 3 their curriculum. National Ethics

4 (2) It is hereby accordingly declared that it shall be the policy of
 5 Government to ensure that Nigerian Constitution is taught in all schools.

6 2. Every School which fails or refuses to include the teaching of
 7 the Nigerian Constitution in their curriculum commits an offence and is Offence and
Penalties
 8 liable on conviction to a fine of not less than NI,000,000.00 or may have its
 9 operating license revoked.

10 (2) Where a school commits an offence under this Act any officer
 11 or agent of the school who directed, authorized, assented to or acquiesced or
 12 participated in the commission of the offence is a party to and guilty of the
 13 offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding NI00,000 to
 14 imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

15 3. The State High Court and the High Court of the Federal Capital Jurisdiction
 16 Territory shall have jurisdiction for matters under this Bill.

17 4. The Minister of Education may subject to the approval of the Regulation
 18 President make regulation generally for the carrying out of the objectives of
 19 the Bill.

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| Interpretation | 1 | 5. In this Bill: |
| | 2 | “Nigerian Constitution” means the Supreme law of the Federal Republic of |
| | 3 | Nigeria; |
| | 4 | “President” means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. |
| Short Title | 5 | 6. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Constitution Studies |
| | 6 | (Inclusion in Schools Curriculum) Bill, 2016. |

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the teaching of the Nigerian Constitution in Schools in Nigeria, so as to inculcate those values in citizens. It also makes it an offence not to include the teaching of Nigerian Constitution in all Schools.