

**CORRECTION, REFORMATION AND REINTEGRATION CENTRE
(ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2016
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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CORRECTION, REFORMATION AND REINTEGRATION CENTRE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PRISONS IN THE AREA OF REFORMATION, REINTEGRATION AND YOUTHFUL OFFENDER PROGRAMMING; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo

[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF CORRECTION, REFORMATION,
2 REINTEGRATION CENTRE AND ITS GOVERNING BOARD

3 1. There is established a centre to be known as the Correction,
4 Reformation and Reintegration Centre (in this Bill referred to as "the
5 Centre") which-

Establishment of
Correction,
Reformation and
Reintegration
Centre

6 (a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common
7 seal;

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

9 (c) may acquire, hold or dispose of property, whether movable or
10 immovable.

11 2.-(1) The Civil Defense, Fire, Immigration and Prisons Services
12 Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") shall be the governing board of
13 the Centre.

Governing Board
of Centre

14 3. The Board shall-

Powers of the
Governing Board

15 (a) provide, equip and maintain correction, reformation and
16 reintegration centres as are necessarily suitable for the object of the centre;

17 (b) provide guidelines for the implementation of the general
18 policies relating to major expansion programmes of the Centre;

19 © supervise the management of the affairs of the Centre;

1 (d) subject to the provisions of this Bill, make, alter and review rules
2 and regulations for carrying out the functions of the Centre; and

3 (e) do such other things which in the opinion of the Board are
4 necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Centre.

Appointment of
Committee

5 4. Subject to its standing order, the Board may appoint such number
6 of standing and ad-hoc committees, as it may think fit, to consider and report on
7 any matter with which the Centre is charged with responsibility under this Bill,
8 but the decision of any committee appointed under this section shall be of no
9 effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

10 PART II - FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRE

Functions of
the Centre

11 5. The functions of the Centre are to-

12 (a) offer staff training in reformation and reintegration of inmates;

13 (b) correct, reform and reintegrate prison inmates;

14 (c) offer certificate programmes to inmates in organization,
15 management and leadership;

16 (d) reinforce current non-formal educational programmes to provide
17 selective types of learning with specific objectives for inmates;

18 (e) provide relevant training for inmates with special needs;

19 (f) provide platform for formulating and disseminating opinions and
20 ideas of inmates;

21 (g) place convicted felons who have served a specific period of time
22 in prison, if eligible, back into the community through parole;

23 (h) provide support services for all prisons in areas of education,
24 classification, critical incident management, recreation, unit management,
25 security, youthful offender programming and the management of disruptive
26 inmate groups;

27 (i) prepare offenders for their release;

28 (j) ensure that an offender is better off at the time of release than at the
29 time of admission;

30 (k) ensure that the offender's time spent in a community supervision

- 1 programme shall contribute to a future crime-free life style;
- 2 (l) carry out community reintegration programmes and set up-
- 3 (i) halfway house scheme;
- 4 (ii) work release scheme and;
- 5 (iii) home detention scheme.
- 6 (m) implement government policies on prison reformation; and
- 7 (n) establish branches in all prison yards in Nigeria.

8 PART III - STAFF OF THE CENTRE

9 6.-(1) The Board shall appoint for the Centre an Executive
10 Secretary who shall-

Appointment of
Executive
Secretary and
other staff of the
Centre

11 (a) be a Deputy Controller of Prisons with requisite knowledge in
12 reformation, reintegration, offender management and programming.

13 (b) be the head of the Centre and be responsible for the general
14 administration of the Centre and staff,

15 (c) perform such other functions that may be determined by the
16 Board.

17 (2) the Board may appoint persons with the required knowledge in
18 reformation as employees of the Centre either by way of transfer or
19 secondment from any of the public services of the Federation or otherwise as
20 it considers necessary.

21 (3) Service in the Centre shall be approved service for the purposes
22 of the Pension Reform Act and the employees of the Centre are entitled to
23 pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed in the
24 Act.

25 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (3) of this
26 section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any
27 office on terms which preclude the grant of pension, gratuity or other
28 retirement benefits in respect of that office.

29 PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

30 7. There is established and maintained for the Centre a Fund into

Funds of the
Centre

1 which shall be paid and credited-

2 (a) all subvention and budgetary allocation from the Federal
3 Government; and

4 (b) gifts, loans, grants-in-aid from national, bilateral, multilateral
5 agencies, State and Local Governments;

6 (c) the board shall not receive any gift and grant-in-aid if the
7 conditions attached thereto are inconsistent with the functions of the Centre.

Application of
funds

8 8.-(1) The Centre may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the
9 Fund-

10 (a) to the cost of administration and expansion;

11 (b) remunerations or allowances, gratuities and pension of the
12 employees of the Centre and no payment of any kind under this paragraph
13 (except such as may be expressly authorized by the Board) shall be made to any
14 person who is in receipt of emolument from the Federal or State Government;

15 (c) for the development and maintenance of any property vested in or
16 owned by the Centre;

17 (d) to publicise and promote the activities of the Centre; and

18 (e) for and in connection with any of its functions under this Bill.

Audited Account

19 9. The account of the Centre shall be audited by an auditor appointed
20 by the Board from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the
21 Auditor-General of the Federation.

Annual report

22 10. The Board shall prepare and submit to the President, not later than
23 the 31st day of September in each year, a report on the activities of the Centre
24 during the immediately preceding year and shall include in the report the
25 audited accounts of the Centre and the Auditor-General's report.

Presidential
directive

26 11. The President may give to the Board directives of a specific or
27 general nature with respect to any of the functions of the Centre.

Regulation

28 12. The Board may, with the approval of the President, make
29 regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill.

1 **13. In this Bill-**

Interpretation

2 “Governing Board” means Civil Defense, Fire, Immigration and Prisons
3 Services Board established by Section 2 of this Bill;

4 “Centre” means Correctional and Rehabilitation Centre established under
5 Section 1 of this Bill;

6 “Functions” includes duties and powers;

7 “Home Detention Scheme”

8 This scheme provides an avenue for the early release of prisoners with good
9 family support and who are typically of low risk, and hence would be most
10 amenable to successful reintegration.

11 Prisoners selected for Home Detention have to wear electronic tags while
12 they are on the Scheme, and are allowed to serve out the last months or year
13 of their sentence living with their families or in their private residences
14 under a temporary release license with set conditions, such as curfew hours
15 and mandatory reporting.

16 “Halfway House Scheme”

17 This scheme offers prisoners who have little or no family support, who may
18 have no homes to return to, or whose family environments are judged to be
19 detrimental to sustained desistence, but who are nevertheless desirous of
20 staying crime-free, an alternative way of serving their sentences in the
21 community.

22 These Halfway Houses provide hostel-like lodging for prisoners for up to a
23 year, in a safe and nurturing environment for gradual reintegration.
24 Prisoners on the Halfway House Scheme are required to work during the day
25 and return to their assigned hostels for evening curfew.

26 “Work Release Scheme”

27 This scheme allows suitable prisoners, especially for the longer-term
28 prisoners and those who do not qualify for the preceding two schemes, to
29 leave prison premises for employment during the day, while requiring them
30 to return to a low-security prison in the evenings.

1 “Secretary” means the Executive Secretary of the Centre appointed under
2 Section 6 of this Bill.

Citation

3 **14.** This Act may be cited as Correction and Rehabilitation Centre
4 (Establishment) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish a Correction and Rehabilitation Centre to be charged with the responsibility to provide support services for prisons in the area of reformation, education and youthful offender programming.