

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF MAJOR INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CURRICULUM IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji*

[ ] Commencement

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

1           1.-(i) There shall be made compulsory for every pupil/student in all  
2 the primary and secondary schools in Nigeria:

3           (a) To study as one of his/her subjects one of the three dominant  
4 Nigerian languages i.e. (Yoruba, Igbo, Hausa).;

5           (b) Shall write as one of his/her final papers one of the three  
6 dominant Nigerian Languages as stated in 1(i) a above.

7           2.-(i) Any Public school in Nigeria that fails or refuses to comply  
8 with Section 1 of this Act shall be said to have committed an infraction with a  
9 warning and be allowed two additional warnings over a period of one year  
10 by the supervisory Ministry of Education, and if the breach is not remedied  
11 the Head of such school is liable to be demoted and redeployed from the  
12 position of Head of School;

13           (ii) Any Private school that fails or refuses to comply with Section  
14 1 of this Act shall pay a fine of N100,000 quarterly as long as the breach lasts  
15 but not more than eighteen (18) months after which the approval license  
16 shall be withdrawn.

17           3. In this Bill unless the content otherwise requires:

Interpretation

18           (a) Dominant indigenous language spoken in the locality of the  
19 school;

20           (b) Schools mean Primary, Secondary and its equivalent (both

1 Government and Private);

2 (c) Officers mean the respective Headmasters, Principals and its  
3 equivalent.

Short Title

4 4. This Bill may be cited as Indigenous Language (inclusion in  
5 Primary and Secondary schools' curriculum) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the inclusion and teaching of prevailing Nigeria Indigenous Languages as a subject in the syllabus of all primary, secondary schools and its equivalent in Nigeria to promote people culture, tradition, values and salvage Nigeria's Indigenous languages from extinction.