

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO MAKE IT COMPULSORY FOR ALL SCHOOLS TO TEACH MORALS,
NATIONALISM, LEADERSHIP AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen

[] Commencement

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

1 1.-(1) As from the commencement of this Act all schools in Nigeria
shall include the teaching of Morals and National Ethics in their curriculum. National Ethics

2 (2) It is hereby accordingly declared that it shall be the policy of
3 Government to ensure that Morals, Nationalism, Leadership and National
4 Ethics provided for in Chapter 2, particularly Section 23 of the Constitution
5 of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended, are taught in all
6 schools.

7 2.-(1) Any school which fails or refuses to include the teaching of
8 Morals and National Ethics in their curriculum commits an offence and is
9 liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N1,000,000 or may have its
10 operating license revoked. Offences and Penalties

11 (2) Where a school commits an offence under this act any officer or
12 agent of the school who directed, authorized, assented to or acquiesced or
13 participated in the commission of the offence is a party to and guilty of the
14 offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Two Hundred
15 Thousand Naira, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month or
16 to both such fine and imprisonment.

17 (3) The State High Courts and the High Court of the Federal
18 Capital Territory shall have jurisdiction for matters under this act. Jurisdiction

19 3. The Minister of Education may subject to the approval of the Regulation

1 President make regulations generally for carrying out of the objectives of this
2 Act

Interpretation 3 4. In this act unless the context otherwise requires;
4 "National Ethics" as provided for in Section 23 of the Constitution includes
5 discipline, integrity, dignity of labour, social justice, religious tolerance, self
6 reliance, nationalism, leadership, transparency, accountability and patriotism;
7 "President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
8 "Schools" includes primary, secondary and tertiary institutions of learning.

Citation 9 5. This bill may be cited as the Morals and National Ethics (Inclusion
10 in Schools Curriculum) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to provide for the teaching of Morals and National Ethics in all schools in Nigeria so as to inculcate those values in citizens.

It also makes it an offence not to include the teaching of Morals and National Ethics in all schools.