

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL LIBRARY ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Oladipupo Olatunde Adebute

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The National Library Act 1970 ("In this Act referred to as 'the
2 Principal Act") is amended as set hereunder.

3 2. Section 2 subsection 1 (a) and (b) of the "Principal Act is
4 amended by deleting the existing subsection and substituting same with the
5 following:

6 (1) The functions of the Board shall be:

7 (a) to establish and maintain, in accordance with this Act, the
8 National Library of Nigeria and the National E-Library ; and

9 (b) to provide in accordance with this Act such services as in the
10 opinion of the Board are usually provided by national libraries and e-
11 libraries of the highest standing.

12 3. Section 2 subsection 2 of the "Principal Act is amended by
13 inserting a new paragraph (b) immediately after the existing paragraph (a):

14 “To establish, maintain and make accessible to all Nigerian a
15 digital E-Library holding an e-collection of books, journals, periodicals,
16 pamphlets, newspapers, maps, musical scores, films and recording, other e-
17 resources and contents and others as the Board considers appropriate for an
18 E-Library of the Highest Standard”.

19 4. Section 4 subsection 1 of the "Principal Act is amended by
20 deleting the existing subsection and substituting same with the following:

21 1. (a) The publisher of every book published in Nigeria shall,

1 within one month after the publication, deliver at his own expense to the
2 National Library five copies of the book which shall be kept in the National
3 Library for permanent preservation;

4 (b) The publisher of every e-book or any other e-resources published
5 in Nigeria shall, within one month after the publication, deliver at his own
6 expense to the National Library a copy of the e-book or e-resources shall be
7 kept in the e-library of the National Library for permanent preservation.

8 5. Section 4 subsection 4 of the "Principal Act is amended by deleting
9 the existing subsection and substituting same with the following:

10 If a publisher fails to comply with any provision of subsection (1) or (2) of this
11 section, he shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a
12 fine not exceeding N100,000; and the court before which he is convicted shall
13 in addition order him to comply with the provisions of subsection (1) or (2) of
14 this section..

15 6. The sections of the principal Act are renumbered as follows:

16 "Section 4 sub-section 1 of the Principal Act shall be re- numbered
17 from (a) to (b)".

18 7. This Bill may be cited as the National Library (Amended) Bill,
19 2016.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to compel the National Library Board to establish a National e-library holding a rich and diverse collection of e-resources with accessibility to all Nigerians. This will breach the deficiency gap in teaching and research within the Nigerian Educational sector where access to books and periodical have been a limiting factor.