

# 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

*Sponsored by Hon. Owoidighe Ime Ekpottai*

[ ] 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  
8 liable on conviction to a fine of not less than N1,000,000.00 or may have its  
9 operating license revoked. Offence and  
Penalties

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 N100,000 to  
14 imprisonment for a term not exceeding One Month.

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

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

Interpretation	1	<b>5.</b> 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	<b>6.</b> 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.