

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Lawal Muhammadu Idirisu*

[ ] Commencement

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

- 1           1. As from the commencement of this Act, all schools in Nigeria  
2 shall include Fire Safety Education in their curriculum. Fire Safety  
Education
- 3           2. In furtherance of the objective of this Act, the Federal Ministry  
4 of Education shall in collaboration with the Ministries of Education in all Teaching of Fire  
Safety in Schools  
5 the states and the Federal Capital territory ensure that fire safety is  
6 taught in all private and public schools in Nigeria.
- 7           3. In preparing the Fire Safety Education curriculum appropriate  
8 for each category of schools, the Federal Ministry of Education shall take Consideration of  
National Fire  
Safety Code  
9 into consideration the National Fire Safety Code approved by the Federal  
10 Government in 2013.
- 11          4.-(1) Any school which fails or refuses to include fire safety  
12 education in its curriculum or fails to teach its pupils or students the Offences and  
Punishments  
13 aforesaid subject shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a  
14 fine of N100,000.00.
- 15           (2) Where a school involved is situated in the capital city of a state,  
16 it shall be liable to a fine of N200,000.00.
- 17           (3) Where a school is in continuous breach of the provision of  
18 Section 1 of this Act, it shall, in addition to any fine imposed under sub-  
19 section 1 of this section, be liable to the payment of N50,000.00 annually  
20 until compliance is effected.
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	1	or agent of the school who directed, authorized, assented to or acquiesced or
	2	participated in the commission of the offence shall be guilty of an
	3	offence and liable on conviction to a fine of N50,000.00.
Input of Federal Fire Service	4	6. The Federal Ministry of Education shall, in collaboration with the
	5	Federal Fire Service, prepare the content of Fire Safety Curriculum
	6	appropriate for each category of schools.
Interpretation	7	7. In this Act, unless the content otherwise requires-
	8	"schools" include primary, secondary and tertiary institutions of
	9	learning.
Citation	10	8. This Bill may be cited as the Fire Safety Education (Inclusion in
	11	School Curriculum) Bill, 2016.

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the inclusion and teaching of Fire Safety in schools curricular in Nigeria to ensure that pupils and students acquire necessary training in fire prevention and control in order to reduce the rate of fire occurrences in Nigeria.