

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS ACT, NO. 51 OF 1993 TO EMBODY CERTAIN PROVISIONS AIMED AT ENHANCING THE WELFARE NEEDS OF CORP MEMBERS, ENABLE THEIR ACQUISITION OF SPECIAL BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SKILLS AND EMPOWER THEM FINANCIALLY TO BE BETTER ABLE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES AT THE END OF THEIR SERVICE AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2015

Sponsored by Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor

[] Commencement

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

- 1 1. The National Youth Service Corps Decree 1993 (in this Act Amendment of
- 2 referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as follows: 1993 NCL 51
- 3 2. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (4):
- 4 (a) by substituting for the full stop sign (.) at the end of
- 5 paragraph(g) thereof, a semi colon (;) thereof; and
- 6 (b) by inserting immediately after the existing paragraphs (g), as
- 7 amended hereof, the following new paragraph (h) and (i), that is:
- 8 "(h) that members of the Service Corp are encouraged and afforded
- 9 opportunity to participate in other skills and business acquisition training
- 10 programmes that would prepare those aspiring to do so to be self-employed
- 11 or to pursue other sustainable means of livelihood at the end of their one year
- 12 National Service;
- 13 (i) that members of the Service Corp are empowered economically
- 14 trained and encouraged to enter into business partnership and understanding
- 15 among themselves or other persons to harness their resources for the
- 16 purposes of ensuring their pursuit of honest and modest means of livelihood

1 at the end of their national service".

Amendment of
Section 7

2 3. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended in Sub-Section (3) by
3 substituting for the amount "N500,000" appearing in line three thereof, the
4 amount of "N50 Million", thereof.

Amendment of
Section 9

5 4. Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately
6 after the existing subsection (6) thereof, the following new subsections (7), (8)
7 and (9) thereof, that is:

8 (7) The Directorate shall pay to the credit of every Corp member a 13
9 monthly allowance of the sum of N10,000.00 in the state where the Corp
10 member is deployed and the allowance plus any accruable interest shall be held
11 in trust for every Corp member until the end of his one year national service.

12 (8) The amount held in trust for each Corp member shall be paid to
13 Corp member in cheque at the venue of the passing out parade at the end of his
14 National Service, and every of such payment shall include:

15 (a) The total amount due for payment to each Corps member for the
16 One year service plus a simple interest of the sum thereof; and

17 (b) Any other allowances or remuneration due for payment to each
18 Corp Member".

19 "(9) Every State Directorate of the N. Y. S. C. shall be under an
20 obligation to pay to a Corp Member as Monthly Remuneration, a Stipend of not
21 less than N23,000.00 which is payable directly to Corp Members".

Amendment of
Section 16

22 5. Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended in Sub-Section (2)
23 thereof by inserting immediately after the existing Sub-Section (b) thereof the
24 following new Sub-Sections (c) (d) and (e) therefor, that is:

25 "(c) Regulating the banking requirements for giving loan facilities to
26 the Corp Members and the interest rate thereof; and

27 "(d) Governing the criteria for the joint ventures or partnership for the
28 carrying on of the small and medium scale enterprises among the Corp
29 Members";

30 "(e) Spelling out the course contents for the engagement of Corp

1 Members in the vocational skills which they have chosen during the year.

2 6. Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended in Sub-Section (2) Amendment of
3 thereof: Section 18

4 (a) in paragraph (a), by substituting for the amount of " N250 per
5 month" appearing thereof, the sum of "N5,000 per month" thereof; and

6 (b) in paragraph (c), substituting for the amount of "N150 per
7 month" appearing thereof, the sum of "N5,000 per month" thereof;

8 7. This Bill may be cited as the National Youth Service Corp Short Title
9 (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to amend the National Youth Service Corps Decree 51 of 1993 to Provide for the Training of the Corp Members to Acquire Additional Skills and Business Know-how to enable them seek other independent means of sustainable livelihood other than Appointments in Public and Private Sectors of the Economy;

The Bill further seeks to ensure that Corp Members are Economically Empowered and Groomed to enter into profitable Business Partnerships or Ventures with themselves or other persons to enable them fend for themselves instead of the present situation where they roam the streets looking for jobs that are unavailable.