

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BOARD ACT CAP N12, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO ESTABLISH A STEERING COMMITTEE TO BE VESTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CENTRALIZING MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS (NABTE), THE SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (SSCE) AND THE UNIFIED TERTIARY MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS (UTME) UNDER A SINGLE ICT PLATFORM, TO REDUCE THE COST OF TAKING THE EXAMINATIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

1           1. The National Business and Technical Education Board Act Cap  
2 N12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the  
3 Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

Amendment of  
the National  
Business and  
Technical  
Education Board  
(Establishment)  
Act

4           2. The Principal Act is amended by inserting, after the existing  
5 Section "3" Section "3A"-

Amendment of  
the Principal Act

6           (1) There is established a steering committee for centralization of  
7 the management of the National Business and Technical Examinations, the  
8 Senior School Certificate Examination and the Unified Tertiary  
9 Matriculation Examinations.

10          (2) The committee shall consist of-

11          (a) Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education who shall  
12 be the Chairman of the committee;

13          (b) a representative of the National Business and Technical  
14 Education Board, not below the rank of a Director;

1 (c) a representative of the Joint Admissions and matriculation Board  
2 not below the rank of a Director;

3 (d) a representative of the National Examinations Council not below  
4 the rank of a Director; and

5 (e) the secretary of the platform who shall be an ICT expert from the  
6 Federal Ministry of Education.

7 (3) Members of the committee shall receive allowances as applicable  
8 to government agencies.

9 (4) The committee's duties shall be to-

10 (a) Establish and manage an ICT platform for harmonization of  
11 registration, result notification and validation processes of examinations  
12 mentioned in sub-clause (1) of this clause into a single scratch card;

13 (b) Establish and manage a central database for collation of personal  
14 data and biometrics of candidates for purpose of the examinations;

15 (c) Fix fees payable to the credit of the platform for the examinations;

16 (d) Reduce the cost of taking the examinations to the barest minimum,  
17 through economies of scale;

18 (e) Reduce cases of impersonation and examination malpractice;

19 (f) Provide admission management service to education institutions,  
20 planners and monitoring bodies; and

21 (g) Perform other functions that will give effect to the provisions of  
22 this bill.

Citation

23 3. This Bill is cited as the National Business and Technical Education  
24 Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Business and Technical Education Board Act Cap N12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to establish a steering committee to be vested with the responsibility of centralizing management of the National Business and Technical Examinations (NABTE), the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) and the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME) under a single ICT platform, to reduce the cost of taking the examinations.