

COMPULSORY, FREE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION
(ESTABLISHMENT) ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section:

1. Amendment of Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education
(Establishment) Act
2. Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act
3. Amendment of section 4 of the Principal Act
4. Amendment of section 7 of the Principal Act
5. Amendment of section 11 of the Principal Act
6. Amendment of section 15 of the Principal Act
7. Short Title

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 2, 4, 7, 11 AND 15 OF THE COMPULSORY, FREE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION ACT CAP A113 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF UNUSED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BLOCK GRANT, MAKE PROVISION FOR REHABILITATION OF DELINQUENT CHILDREN, PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE DEFINITION FOR SERVICES, STAKEHOLDERS AND CHILD OR WARD AS CAPTURED IN THE ENABLING ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Mohammed A. Mahmud.

[] Commencement

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

1 **1.** The Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act CAP
2 A113 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (herein referred to as the "Principal
3 Act") is amended as set out below:

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Compulsory,
Free Universal
Basic Education
Act CAP. A113
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4 **2.** Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion
5 immediately after subsection (4) of a new subsection as follows:

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Section 2 of the
Principal Act

6 “(5) It is hereby made compulsory on all children or wards to make
7 themselves available for education pursuant to section 2(1) of this Act, and
8 where a child turns delinquent, he or she shall be forced to acquire the said
9 education at any of the special schools across Nigeria.”

10 **3.** Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by modifying
11 Subsection (2) as follows:

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Section 4 of the
Principal Act

12 “(2) The provision of section 2(2) and 4(1) of this Act shall apply to
13 all parents who, for the time being, are resident overseas but whose children
14 reside in Nigeria.”

15 **4.** Section 7(1) of the Principal Act is amended:
16 (a) by deleting the word "and" in paragraph (f)(iv);

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Section 7 of the
Principal Act

1 (b) by adding the word "and" to paragraph (f)(v) immediately after the
2 semi-colon; and

3 (c) by inserting immediately after the said paragraph (v) a new
4 paragraph as follows:

5 “(vi) Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria.”

6 5. Section 11 of the Principal Act is also amended by the insertion
7 immediately after subsection (3) of a new subsection as follows:

8 “(4) The commission shall return all unused Federal Government
9 block grants pursuant to section 11(2) of this section to the Federation Account
10 not later than the end of every appropriation year as enacted by the National
11 Assembly from time to time.”

12 6. Section 15 of the Principal Act is further amended:

13 (a) by substituting 16 with 18 in the interpretation of “Child or ward”;

14 (b) by inserting “tuition” to the definition of “Services” immediately
15 after the word “classrooms”; and

16 (c) by the addition of a new definition as follows:

17 “Stakeholders” means all members and staff of Ministries, Departments,
18 Agencies and Local Education Authorities listed in section 2(3) and 7(1) of this
19 Act.”

20 7. This Bill is cited as the Compulsory, Free Universal Basic
21 Education (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

Amendment of
Section 11 of the
Principal Act

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education (Establishment) Act to among other things:

- (a) Provide for the return of unused federal government block grants to the federation account;
- (b) Make provision for rehabilitation of delinquent children;
- (c) Make parents who are resident abroad but whose children reside in Nigeria liable to obligations imposed by the Act;
- (d) Provide comprehensive definitions for free services, stakeholders and child or ward as captured in the Principal Act; and
- (e) Generally enrich the Principal Act whose fundamental objective is to eradicate illiteracy in Nigeria.

