

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF EMPLOYMENT ACT CAP N28 LFN 2004 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Darlington Nwokocha

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The National Directorate of Employment Act Cap N28, LFN, Amendment of
- 2 2004 (in this Act referred to as the Principal Act) is hereby amended as set Cap. N28 LFN,
- 3 out in this Act. 2004
- 4 **2.** Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by adding a new Amendment of
- 5 subsection 2 to read as follows: Section 2
- 6 "2. -(1) The objectives of the Directorate shall be to:
- 7 (a) design and implement programmes to combat mass
- 8 unemployment;
- 9 (b) articulate policies aimed at developing work programmes with
- 10 labour intensive potential;
- 11 (c) obtain and maintain a data bank on employment and vacancies
- 12 in the country, with a view to acting as a clearing house to link job seekers
- 13 with vacancies in collaboration with other government agencies; and
- 14 (d) implement any other policy as may be laid down, from time to
- 15 time, by the Board established under section 3 of this Act.
- 16 (2) The Functions of the Directorate shall be to: Objectives and
- 17 (a) create and maintain a biometric data base which shall contain Functions of the
- 18 the names, sex, qualification, place of work, pictures, and finger print of all Directorate
- 19 employees in Nigeria;
- 20 (b) create and maintain biometric database which shall contain the

1 names, sex, qualification, place of choice of work, pictures, and finger print of
2 all unemployed graduates in Nigeria.

3 (c) recommend unemployed graduates to all ministries, parastatal,
4 department and agencies of government, corporate bodies, NGs and other
5 employers for placement on a first come first serve basis.

6 Provided that the principles of Federal Character shall be maintained.

7 (d) ensures that no employed public and civil servant apply for
8 another job before resigning from his initial job and the resignation letter
9 having been taken to the Directorate for reflection on the database.

10 Provided that the applicable is not applying for transfer of service;

11 (e) establish and maintain skill acquisition centers in each of the states
12 of the federation and Abuja to train youths on various skills and small scale
13 enterprises;

14 (f) liaise with other government agencies, companies, private and
15 donor organizations to secure and disburse soft loans to the graduates of the
16 centers to enable smooth take up.

Amendment of
Section 8(1)

17 3. Section 8(1) of the Principal Act is hereby' amended by adding the
18 phrase "and headquarters of all local government and area councils"
19 immediately following the word "states" to read as follows:

20 "8(1) The Directorate shall establish and maintain its headquarters in
21 the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, and offices in the capitals of the States and
22 headquarters of all local government and area councils.

Amendment of
Section 4

23 4. Section 19 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by inserting the
24 interpretation of the word "graduates" immediately after the word "Director-
25 General" to read as follows:

26 "Graduate" in this Act means any person who successfully completed
27 his first degree, HND, OND, ND or NCE program.

Citation

28 5. This Bill may be cited as the National Directorate of Employment
29 (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the amendment of the National Directorate of Employment Act Cap N28 LFN, 2004.