

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF ANTI-PREJUDICE EDUCATION
IN THE PROGRAMMES OF NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE CORPS, NATIONAL
ORIENTATION AGENCY, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BROADCASTING STATIONS
AND IN THE CURICULA OF SCHOOLS AT ALL LEVELS TO PROMOTE
NATIONAL UNITY AND INTEGRATION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Lawal Muhammadu Idrisu

[] Commencement

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

1 1.-(1) The inclusion of anti-prejudice education is hereby made
2 compulsory in:

Inclusion of anti-
prejudice education
in strategic settings

3 (a) Curriculums of primary schools, secondary schools and tertiary
4 institutions;

5 (b) Programmes of Nigeria Television Authority, Federal Radio
6 Corporation of Nigeria, News Agency of Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria, state
7 broadcasting stations, National Orientation Agency and National Youth
8 Service Corps; and

9 (c) private broadcasting stations shall strive to include anti-
10 prejudice education in their programmes as part of their corporate social
11 responsibilities.

12 (2) The course shall be taught or aired in a manner developed and
13 prescribed by the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council
14 as the principal agency in collaboration with other members of the steering
15 committee established in section 2 of this Act.

16 (3) The standard shall be supervised by the Department of Basic
17 and Secondary Education in the Federal Ministry of Education, National
18 Board for Technical Education (NBTE), National Commission for Colleges

Establishment
of Steering
Committee

1 of Education (NCCE), National Universities Commissions (NUC) and the
2 National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) and failure to adhere to stipulated
3 standards shall be sanctioned in accordance with their extant laws and
4 regulations.

5 2-(1) There is established an ad hoc steering committee for the
6 development and management of anti-prejudice education in Nigeria.

7 (2) The committee shall consist of:

8 (a) the permanent secretary, Federal Ministry of Education who shall
9 serve as the chairman;

10 (b) a representative of Nigerian Educational Research and
11 Development Council who shall serve as the secretary;

12 (c) a representative of the department of basic and secondary
13 education from the Federal Ministry of Education;

14 (d) a representative of National Commission for Colleges of
15 Education;

16 (e) a representative of National Board for Technical Education;

17 (f) a representative of National Universities Commission;

18 (g) a representative of National Broadcasting Commission;

19 (h) a representative of National Youth Service Corps;

20 (i) a representative of National Orientation agency;

21 (j) a representative of Broadcasting Organizations of Nigeria;

22 (k) a representative of Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria;

23 (l) a representative of News Agency of Nigeria;

24 (m) a representative of Nigeria Television Authority; and

25 (n) a representative of National Institute for Peace and Conflict
26 Resolution.

27 (3) The ad hoc committee shall be inaugurated on the passage of the
28 Bill into law.

29 (4) Members of the committee shall receive allowances as applicable
30 to government agencies during the times prescribed for the assignments.

- 1 (5) The duties of the committee shall be to:
- 2 (a) develop courses and modules on anti-prejudice education for
- 3 schools and broadcasting stations pursuant to section 1 of this Act.
- 4 (b) reconvene when circumstances so detect to review or address
- 5 emerging challenges; and
- 6 (c) perform other functions or make rules incidental to the
- 7 implementation of the objectives of this Act.
- 8 (6) When the need to reconvene the meeting of the committee
- 9 pursuant to section 2(1) of this Act arises, the permanent secretary of the
- 10 federal Ministry of education shall summon the meeting for such numbers of
- 11 days needed to address emerging issues.
- 12 (7) On completion of its duties pursuant to subsection (5) and (6) of
- 13 this section, the permanent secretary responsible for education shall
- 14 dissolve the committee.
- 15 3. In this Bill unless the context otherwise requires;
- 16 If Prejudice" means the attitude of pre-judging about phenomena, events,
- 17 individuals or groups without having the basic information needed before
- 18 conclusion or opinion can be made;
- 19 "Anti-prejudice education" means education against the attitude of pre-
- 20 judging about phenomena, events, individuals or groups before one
- 21 becomes exposed to evidence needed to reach a conclusion.
- 22 4. This Bill may be cited as Anti-prejudice Education (Inclusion)
- 23 Bill, 2021.

Interpretation

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to promote anti-prejudice education to provide for appreciation of our diversity and to promote national unity and integration.

