

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHILD'S RIGHT ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Ogun*

[ ] Commencement

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

1           1. The Child's Right Act, 2003, Official Gazette No. 116, Vol. 90  
2 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out  
3 hereunder.

Amendment of  
the Child's Right  
Act, 2003

4           2. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new  
5 subsection (3) immediately after the subsisting subsection (2), as follows:

Amendment of  
Section 14 by  
inserting a new  
subsection (3)

6           1."(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, no child shall be  
7 abandoned at the time or place of his birth, the conditions of his birth  
8 notwithstanding-

9           (a) Where a parent abandons a child at the time or place of his birth,  
10 he shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction be liable to fine of two  
11 hundred thousand naira or imprisonment for six months or to both such term  
12 and imprisonment".

13           3. This Bill may be cited as the Child's Right Act (Amendment)  
14 Bill, 2021.

Citation

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Child's Right Act, to impose sanction on any parent who abandons a new born child and absconds, after the birth of such child notwithstanding the reason whatsoever.