



THE SENATE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

**FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, DENG-KANAM (ESTABLISHMENT)  
ACT, 2022  
(HB. 1871)**

A BILL  
FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DENG-KANAM, PLATEAU STATE, TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COURSES, TEACHING INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN TECHNOLOGY, APPLIED SCIENCE, ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND MANAGEMENT; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

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Commencement

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

1. (1) There is established the Federal College of Education Dengi-Kanam (in this Bill referred to as "the College").  

Establishment Federal  
College Of Education Dengi-  
Kanam, Plateau State,
- (2) The College shall –
  - (a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and common seal; and
  - (b) have power to acquire and dispose of interest in movable and immovable properties.
- (3) The College may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
2. (1) The governance and direction of the affairs of the College shall rest in the Governing Council of the College (in the Act referred to as "the Council").  

Governing Council Of The  
College.
- (2) The Council shall have the responsibility to consider and approve the –
  - (a) programme of studies to be undertaken in the College;
  - (b) annual estimates of the College; and

(c) investment plan of the College.

(3) The provisions of the Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the Council as mentioned in the Schedule.

3. The Council of the College shall consist of –

Membership Of The Council  
Of The College.

(a) a Chairman and other members to be appointed by the President;

(b) a representative of the Federal Ministry responsible for Education;

(c) a representative of the University of which the College is affiliated for the purpose of moderation;

(d) two representatives of the Academic Board of the College;

(e) a representative of the National Commission for Colleges of Education; and

(f) the Provost of the College.

4. (1) A member of the Council, other than the ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of four years and subject to the provision of subsection (2), shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term of four years and no more.

Tenure Of Members Of The  
Council.

(2) The office of a member appointed under section 3 of this Act shall become vacant if the --

(a) member resigns by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister; or

(b) Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the College for the member appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect.

5. The functions of the College shall be to –

Functions Of The College.

(a) provide full-time courses, teaching instruction and training in –

(i) technology, applied sciences, arts, social sciences, humanities and management, and

(ii) such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of development of Nigeria.

(b) conduct courses in education for qualified teachers;

(c) arrange conferences, seminars and workshops relative to the functions of the College; and

(d) perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the College.

6. The Council shall have power to –

Power Of The Council.

(a) hold examinations and grant National Certificates in Education (NCE), Diplomas, professional certificates and other distinctions to persons, who have pursued courses of study approved and accredited by the National Commission for Colleges of Education;

(b) hold examinations in education for qualified teachers;

(c) recruit staff and determine structure of such staff;

(d) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the College for the purpose of instruction, such fees as the Council may with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;

(e) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and selling of books;

(f) award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles;

(g) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units with the College or extra mural departments as the Council may from time to time determine;

(h) erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational and residential facilities as the College may require;

(i) create lectureships and other academic posts and offices and to make appointments accordingly;

(j) receive and make gifts;

(k) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the objectives of the College;

(l) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the welfare of the staff and students

of the College;

(m) encourage and make provision for research in the College; and

(n) do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the College.

7. (1) The Minister responsible for Education shall be the Visitor of the College.

Visitation.

(2) The Visitor shall, at least, not less than once in every five years, conduct a visitation to the College or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation –

(a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the College; or

(b) for such other purpose as the Visitor may deem fit.

8. (1) There is established for the College a Board known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members –

The Academic Board And Its Functions.

(a) the Provost of the College as Chairman;

(b) all Heads of Departments;

(c) the College Bursar;

(d) the College Librarian; and

(e) not more than three members of the academic staff other than the heads of departments to be appointed by the Council.

(2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for –

(a) the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, and award of certificates, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinction; and

(b) discharging any other functions which the Council may from time to time delegate to it.

9. The Minister may give to the Council directions of a general nature or relating generally to matters with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directions.

Power Of Minister.

10. (1) There shall be a Provost for the College who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

The Provost Of The College.

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the Provost, the Council shall –

(a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable, widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying –

(i) the qualities of a person who may apply for the post, and

(ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and

thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration of the Minister.

(3) The President shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates recommended by the Minister.

(4) Subject to the general control of the Council the Provost shall be the chief executive of the College and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the management and operations of the College.

(5) The Provost shall hold office for a term of five years only and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

11. (1) There shall be for the College, two Deputy Provosts –

Deputy Provosts.

(a) Deputy Provost (Academic); and

(b) Deputy Provost (Administration).

(2) The Council shall nominate the Deputy Provosts from among the Chief Lecturers in the College in any of the following ways –

(a) from a list of five candidates in order of preference, submitted by the Provost;

(b) on the recommendation of a Selection Board constituted for that purpose; or

(c) on the nomination of the Provost.

(3) The Selection Board referred to in subsection 2 (b) shall consist of –

(a) the Chairman of the Council;

(b) the Provost of the College;

(c) two members of the Academic Board; and

(d) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board.

(4) (a) The Deputy Provost (Academic) shall –

(i) assist the Provost in the performance of his functions in academic matters of the College;

(ii) act as the Provost when the post of the Provost is vacant or if the Provost is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions.

(b) The Deputy Provost (Administration) shall –

(i) assist the Provost in administrative matters of the college; and

(ii) perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may assign to him.

(5) Each of the Deputy Provosts shall hold office for a term of two years and no more.

12. (1) There shall be a Registrar for the College to be appointed by the Council.

The Registrar And Other Staff  
Of The College.

(2) The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council.

(3) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to –

(a) the Council;

(b) the Academic Board of the Council; and

(c) any committee of the Council.

(4) The Registrar may perform any duty assigned to him by the Council or the Provost.

(5) The Registrar shall hold office for a term of five years and no more.

13. (1) There shall be for the College in addition to the Registrar –

Other Principal Officers Of  
The College.

(a) the Bursar, and

(b) the College Librarian,

who shall be appointed by the Council.

(2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the College and be responsible to the Provost for the administration and control of the financial affairs of the College.

(3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the College library and coordination of the library services in the teaching units of the College.

(4) The Bursar and the College Librarian shall each hold office for a term of five years and no more.

14. A principal officer of the College may resign his appointment –

Resignation Of Appointment  
Of Principal Officer.

(a) in case of the Provost by notice to the Visitor; and

(b) in any other case by advice to the Council.

15. (1) The Council may appoint other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may deem necessary to assist the Provost and the principal officers in the performance of their functions.

Other Employees Of The  
College.

(2) The remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the College shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission.

16. Service in the College shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Reform Act and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College shall be entitled to pension, gratuity and other retirement benefits as may be prescribed in their respective letters

Pensions.



- of appointment.
17. (1) There shall be a Selection Board for the College which shall consist of – Selection Board.
- (a) the Chairman of the Council;
- (b) the Provost;
- (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board; and
- (d) two members of the Academic Board.
- (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under subsection (1) shall be determined from time to time by the Council.
18. (1) The College shall establish and maintain a Fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives of this Act. Fund Of The College.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established under subsection (1) –
- (a) such sums as may from time to time be granted by the Federal Government through the National Commission for Colleges of Education;
- (b) all money raised by the Council by way of gifts, grants-in-aid or testamentary disposition;
- (c) all subscription fees and charges for services rendered by the Council; and
- (d) all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any sources.
- (3) The Council shall submit to the Minister, through the National Commission for Colleges of Education, not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as the Minister may direct an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next financial year.
19. (1) The College may accept gifts, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, as may be specified by the person making the gifts. Power To Accept Gifts.
- (2) The College shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached to the gift are inconsistent with the objectives of the College.
20. The College shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, allocations, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited. Accounts And Audit.
21. The Council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its activities during the immediate preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the College for that year and of the auditor's report of the accounts. Annual Reports.
22. In this Bill – Interpretation.

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council;

"College" means the Federal College of Education Dengi-Kanam established under section 1 of

this Bill;

"Council" means the Governing Council of the College established under section 2 of this Act;

"function" includes power and duties;

"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for education;

"Member" means a member of the Council including the Chairman;

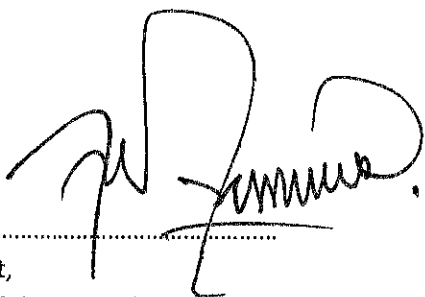
"Provost" means the Provost of the College appointed under section 10 of this Act.

23. This Act may be cited as the Federal College of Education, Dengi-Kanam (Establishment) Act, 2022. Citation.

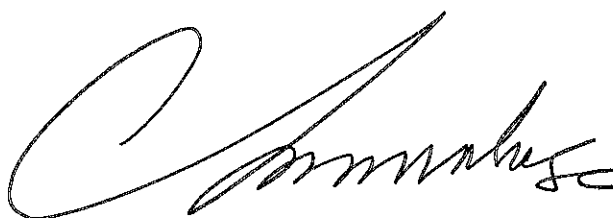
#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act seeks to establish the Federal College of Education, Dengi-Kanam, Plateau State as institution to offer full-time courses leading to the award of National Certificates of Education, Diplomas etc.

THIS BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON TUESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022



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President,  
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



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Clerk,  
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria