

**HB. 1937**

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO INTRODUCE PREVENTIVE MEASURES AND TEACHINGS OF  
SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE INTO THE CURRICULUM AS A  
COMPULSORY SUBJECT (CIVIC EDUCATION) FOR ALL SECONDARY  
SCHOOLS IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTER, 2022

*Sponsored by Hon Julius Ihonvbere*

[     ] Commencement

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

**Establishment**

1. The Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council shall provide for the mandatory inclusion of the teachings on Prevention and Management of Sexual and Gender Based Violence as core parts of Civic Education at all Secondary School levels in Nigeria.

**Regulation/Implementation**

2. (i) The Council shall, in liaison with the National Senior Secondary School Commission (NSSEC) and the States' Ministries of Education, through the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), ensure the inclusion of the teachings on Sexual and Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of all levels of Secondary Schools in Nigeria;

(ii) The Council shall, in liaison with the National Orientation Agency and Universal Basic Education Commission, ensure that the implementation of the teachings on Sexual and Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of all levels of Secondary Schools in Nigeria, are properly monitored;

(iii) The Council shall, in collaboration with the National Teachers Institute ensure that adequate trainings are in place for all Civic Education teachers in Nigeria.

### *Penalties/Non-Compliance*

The NERDC, through the various states' Ministries of Education, shall ensure compliance to the program. Penalties for non-compliance by the schools shall be as already exist for similar inclusions into the curriculum of existing subjects.

#### **Citation**

**3.** This Bill may be cited as the Mandatory Inclusion of Preventive Measures and Teachings on Sexual and Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of all levels of Secondary Schools in Nigeria Bill, 2022.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the inclusion of the teachings on Sexual and Gender Based Violence into the curriculum of Civic Education at all levels of secondary schools in Nigeria, as a more systemic preventive approach to ending SGBV by enlightening the children who are the future generation on their basic rights regarding the subject matter to ensure timely prevention, preventive measures, case management, partway to access justice, and all-encompassing for sustainable awareness and prevention.

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