

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT, CAP 03 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DELETION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS AND TO ADJUST THE PENALTIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Official Secrets Act, Cap. 03, Laws of the Federation of
2 Nigeria, 2004 (herein referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set
3 out in this Bill. Amendment of
2003 No. 9
- 4 **2.**-(1) Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Principal Act is hereby deleted. Deletion of
Section 4, 5 and
6
- 5 (2) The existing sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Principal Act is
6 hereby renumbered as sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 respectively.
- 7 **3.** Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended: Amendment of
Section 7
- 8 (a) in subsection (1)(b) by deleting the figure "N200" and inserting
9 the figure "N200,000" instead thereof; and
- 10 (b) in subsection (2) by deleting the figure "N100" and inserting the
11 figure "N100,000" instead thereof.
- 12 **4.** This Bill may be cited as the Official Secrets Act (Amendment) Citation
13 Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Official Secrets Act, Cap. 03, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the deletion of certain provisions and the adjustment of certain penalties.