

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE (RELEASE FROM CUSTODY) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo

| Commencement

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

1 1. The Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special
2 Provisions) Act, CAP C40 LFN (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal
3 Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

4 2. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended:

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Section 1

5 (a) by inserting after subsection (2) a new subsection (3) to read as
6 follows:

7 (3) the Controller of Prisons shall in every year and according to
8 prison records send list of persons detained in prison not being persons
9 detained in execution of a sentence of a court or tribunal duly constituted by
10 law to the Chief Judge of Nigeria, Chief Judges of states and Attorney-
11 General of the Federation.

12 3. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new
13 section 2 and renumbering the existing section 2 as section 3;

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Section 2

14 2. The Attorney-General of the Federation shall compel the
15 representation and appearance of such detained persons before a magistrate
16 court within the district.

17 4. This Bill may be cited as the Criminal Justice (Release from
18 Custody) (Special Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act CAP C40 LFN to make provisions for the decongestion and reduction in the number of awaiting trial inmates in Nigerian prisons.