

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 2, 4,7,11 AND 15 OF THE COMPULSORY, FREE, UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION ACT CAP A113 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF UNUSED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BLOCK GRANT, MAKE PROVISION FOR REHABILITATION OF DELINQUENT CHILDREN, PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE DEFINITION FOR SERVICES, STAKEHOLDERS AND CHILDREN OR WARD AS CAPTURED IN THE ENABLING ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Victor Mela Danzaria

[] Commencement

ENACTED By the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

- 1 1. The Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act CAP.
2 A113 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (herein referred to as the "Principal
3 Act") is amended as set out below; Amendment of
Compulsory, Free,
Universal Basic
Education Act
Cap. A113 LFN
- 4 2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion Amendment of
Section 2 of the
Principal Act
5 immediately after subsection (4) of a new subsection as follows:
6 “(5) it is hereby made compulsory on all children or wards to make
7 themselves available for education pursuant to section 2(1) of this Act, and
8 where a child turns delinquent, he or she shall be forced to acquire the said
9 education at any of the special schools across Nigeria.”
- 10 3. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by modifying Amendment of
Section 4 of the
Principal Act
11 subsection (2) as follows:
12 “(2) The provision of section 2(2) and 4(1) of this Act shall apply to
13 all parents who, for the time being, are resident overseas but whose children
14 reside in Nigeria.”
- 15 4. Section 7(1) of the Principal Act is amended: Amendment of
Section 7 of the
Principal Act
16 (a) by deleting the word "and" in paragraph (f)(iv);

1 (b) by adding the word "and" to paragraph (f)(v) immediately after the
2 semi-colon; and

3 (c) by inserting immediately after the said paragraph (v) a new
4 paragraph as follows:

5 "(vi) Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria"

Amendment of
Section 11 of
the Principal Act

6 5. Section 11 of the principal Act is also amended by the insertion
7 immediately after subsection (3) of a new subsection as follows:

8 "(4) The commission shall return all unused Federal Government
9 block grants pursuant to section 11 (2) of this section to the federation account
10 not later than the end of every appropriation year as enacted by the National
11 Assembly from time to time"

Amendment of
Section 15 of
the Principal Act

12 6. Section 15 of the Principal Act is further amended:

13 (a) by substituting 16 with 18 in the interpretation of "child or Ward";

14 (b) by inserting "tuition" to the definition of "Service" immediately
15 after the word "classrooms"; and

16 (c) by the addition of a new definition as follows:

17 "Stakeholders" means all members and staff of ~~ministries, departments and~~
18 Agencies and Local Education Authorities listed in Section 2(3) and 7(1) of
19 this Act"

Citation

20 7. This Bill may be cited as the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic
21 Education (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education (Establishment) Act to among other things:

(a) Provide for the return of unused Federal Government Block Grants to the Federation account;

(b) Make provision for rehabilitation of delinquent children;

(c) Make parents who are resident abroad but whose children reside in Nigeria liable to obligations imposed by the Act;

(d) Provide comprehensive definitions for free services, stakeholders and child or ward as captured in the Principal Act; and

(e) Generally enrich the Principal Act whose fundamental objective is to eradicate illiteracy in Nigeria.

