

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) IKOT UKO, AKWA IBOM STATE, TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COURSES TEACHING, INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN TECHNOLOGY, APPLIED SCIENCE, ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND MANAGEMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2020

Sponsored by Hon. Aniekan Umanah

[] Commencement

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

1 1.-(1) There is established the Federal College of Education (Technical) Ikot Uko (Herein after referred to as the college).

Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical) Ikot Uko

2 (2) The College shall be a body corporate with Education perpetual Succession and common seal and shall take power to acquire and dispose of interest in movable and immovable properties.

3 (3) The College may sue and be used in its corporate name
4 Objectives of the college shall be:

5 (a) Encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction of the opportunity of acquiring higher and liberal education;

6 (b) Provide technical courses of instruction and other facilities for the pursuit of learning in all its branches, and to make those facilities available on proper terms to such persons as are equipped to benefit from them.

7 (a) to provide full-time courses in teaching instruction and training in technology, applied science, social science, and management: and in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of Development of Nigeria;

1 (b) to conduct courses in education for qualified teachers:

2 (c) to arrange conferences, seminars and workshop relative to the

3 Functions of the college and

4 (d) To perform such other functions as in the opinion of the council

5 (e) Encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in

6 restricted fields of learning and human endeavours;

7 (f) relate its activities to the social, cultural and economic needs of the

8 people of Nigeria; and

9 (g) To provide the much needed technical manpower in all strata of

10 the economy with a view to achieving rapid technological growth and

11 industrialization;

12 (h) To provide full-time courses in teaching instruction and training in

13 technology, applied science, arts, social science, humanities and management;

14 and in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of

15 Development of Nigeria;

16 (j) to conduct courses in education for qualified teachers:

17 (k) to arrange conferences, seminars and workshop relative to the

18 Functions of the college and

19 (l) To perform such other functions as in the opinion of the council.

Governing
Council of the
College

20 **2.-(1)** The governance and direction of the College affairs shall rest in

21 the governing council of the college (in the Bill referred to as "the Council").

22 (2) The Council shall have the responsibility to consider and approve:

23 (a) The programme of studies to be undertaken in the College

24 (b) The annual estimate of the College: and

25 (c) The investment plan of the College.

26 (3) The provision of the schedule of this Bill shall have effect with

27 respect to the Council as mentioned herewith.

Composition
of the Council
of the College

28 **3.-(1)** The council of the College shall consist of:

29 (a) A chairman and other members to be appointed by the President;

30 (b) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Education;

1 (c) A representative of the university of which the college is
2 affiliated to for the purpose of moderation;

3 (d) Two representatives of the academic board of the college;

4 (e) A representative of the National Commission for the college of
5 education; and

6 (f) The provost of the college.

7 **4.-(1)** A member of the council (other than the ex-official Tenure of Office
8 members) shall hold office for the term of four years and subject to the
9 provision of sub Section (2) of this section shall be eligible for re-
10 appointment for a further period of four years and no more.

11 (2) The office of a member appointed under section 3 of this bill
12 shall become vacant if:

13 (a) The member resigns in office by notice of writing under his
14 hand addressed to the Minister: or

15 (b) The minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the college
16 for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in
17 writing to that effect.

18 May serve to promote the objective of the College:

19 (a) The programme of studies to be undertaken in the College

20 (b) The annual estimate of the College: and

21 (c) The investment plan of the College.

22 (3) The provision of the schedule of this Bill shall have effect with
23 respect to the Council as mentioned herewith.

24 **5.** The council of the college shall have power to: Powers of the
Council

25 (a) Hold examinations and grant Degree, NCE, Diploma,
26 professional Certificates and other distinction to persons, who have pursued
27 courses of study approved and accredited by the National Commission for
28 College of Education (NCCE).

29 (b) hold examination in education for qualified teachers;

30 (c) Recruit staff and determine structure of such staff;

1 (d) Demand and receive from any student or any other person
2 attending the college for the purpose of collecting such fees as the Council may
3 with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;

4 (e) Hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and
5 bookselling.

6 (f) Award fellowship, medals, prize, prizes and other titles;

7 (g) Establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units with
8 the college or extra mural department as the council may from time to time
9 determine;

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

12 (i) Create lectureship and other academic posts and offices and to
13 make appointment thereof;

14 (j) Receive grants and give gifts:

15 (k) Enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedients for
16 carrying into effect the objectives of the college;

17 (l) Provide amenities for and make such other provision for the
18 Welfare of the staff and students of the college;

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

20 (n) Do such acts and things whether or not incident to the Foregoing
21 powers as may advance the objects of the college

Visitation 22 **6**-(1) the minister responsible for education shall be the visitor of the
23 college.

The College 24 (2) The visitor shall, not less than once in every five-year conduct a
25 Visitation to the college or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than
26 five experts to conduct the visitation;

27 (a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative
28 Performance of the college; or

29 (b) For such other purpose as the visitors may deem fit

1 7.-(1) There shall be established for the college a board to be Establishment of
2 known as the academic Board which shall consist of the following members: Academic Board

3 (a) The Provost of the college as the chairman;

4 (b) all heads of departments;

5 (c) the College librarian; and

6 (d) Not more than three members of the Academic staff other than
7 the Heads of Department to be appointed by the council

8 (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:

9 (a) The Direction and management of academic matters of the
10 college including the regulation of admission of students, the award of
11 certificate Scholarship, prize and other academic distinction;

12 (b) Discharging other functions which the council may from time
13 to time delegate to it.

14 **8.** The Minister may give directions to the general character or Power of Minister
15 relating generally to matters with regard to the exercise by the Council of its to give directives
16 functions and it shall be the duty of the council to comply with such
17 Directions

18 **9.**-(1) There shall be a provost for the college therein referred to as: The Provost of
19 the provost') who shall be appointed by the president on the the College
20 recommendation of the Ministers.

21 (2) where a vacancy occurs in the post of the provost, the council
22 shall:

23 (a) Advertise the vacancy in reputable and widely read newspapers
24 in Nigeria Specifying:

25 (i) The qualities of the person who may apply for the post;

26 (ii) The terms and conditions of the service applicable to the post
27 and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for examination of
28 the Minister.

29 (3) The President shall appoint a provost from one of the
30 candidates recommended by the ministers.

1 (4) subject to the general control of the council the provost shall be the
2 chief executive of the college and shall be charged with general responsibility
3 for matters relating to the day-to-day management and operations of the
4 college.

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

Deputy Provost

7 **10.**-(1) There shall be for the college two deputy provosts namely:
8 Deputy Provost (Academic) and the Deputy provost (administration)

9 (2) The council shall appoint the deputy provost from among the chief
10 Lecturers in the college in any of the following ways, that is:

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

13 (b) On the recommendation of selection Board constituted for the
14 purpose; or

15 (c) On the nomination of the provost

16 (3) The selection Board referred sub section 2 (b) of this section shall:

17 (a) Consist of:

18 (i) The Chairman of the council;

19 (ii) The Provost of the college;

20 (iii) Two members of the Academic board, and

21 (iv) Two members of the council not being members of the Academic
22 Board.

23 (4)(a) The deputy provost (Academic) shall:

24 (i) Assist the provost in the performance of his function in academic
25 matters of the college;

26 (ii) Act as the provost when the post of the provost is vacant or if the
27 Provost is for reasons absent or unable to perform his! her functions

28 (b) The Deputy provost(administration) shall:

29 (i) Perform such orders as the provost or the council may from time to
30 time assign to him.

1 (5) each of the deputy [provost shall hold offices for a period of two
2 years no more.

3 **11.**-(1) There shall be a registrar for the college to be appointed by The Registrar
4 the council.

5 (2) The registrar shall keep the records and conduct the
6 correspondence of the council.

7 (3) The registrar shall be the secretary to:

8 (a) The council;

9 (b) The Academic Board of the council

10 (c) Any committee of the council.

11 (4) The registrar may perform any duty as may be assigned to him
12 by the council or the provost.

13 (5) The Registrar shall hold office for a period of five years and no
14 more

15 **12.**-(1) There shall be for the college in addition to the Registrar: Other principal
16 officers of the
17 College

16 (a) The Bursar; and

17 (b) The college Librarian who shall be appointed by the council.

18 (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the college
19 and be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and
20 control of the financial affairs of the college

21 (3) The college Librarian shall be responsible to the provost for the
22 administration of the college library and the coordinator of the library
23 services in the teaching units of the college.

24 (4) The Bursar and the college librarian shall each hold office for a
25 period of five years and no more

26 **13.** A principal officer of the college may resign his appointment:

27 (a) in case of the provost by notice to the visitor; and

28 (b) in any other case by advise to the council.

29 **14.**-(1) the council may appoint other persons who are not Other employees
30 employees of the college as the council may deem fit to assist the provost of the College

1 and the principal officers in the performance of their functions.

2 (2) The remuneration, tenure of office and condition of services of the
3 employee of the college shall be determined by the council in consultation with
4 the Federal Civil Service Commission.

Pensions

5 **15.** Service in the college shall be approved services for the purpose
6 of the pension's reform and accordingly, officers and other persons employed
7 in the college shall be entitled to pension and gratuity and other Retirement
8 benefits as may be prescribed in their respective letters of appointment.

Selection Board
for other principal
officers

9 **16.-(1)** There shall be a selection Board for:

10 The college which shall consist of:

11 (a) The chairman of the council;

12 (b) The provost;

13 (c) Four members of the council not being members of the Academics
14 Board; and

15 (d) Two members of the Academic Board.

16 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the
17 selection Board constituted under subsection(1) of this section shall be
18 determined from time to time by the council.

Establishment
of College Fund

19 **17.-(1)** The college shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be
20 applied towards the promotion of the objective of this Bill.

21 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under
22 subsection (1) of this section:

23 (a) Such sums as may from time to time be granted by the federal
24 government through the National Commission for Colleges of Education;

25 (b) All monies raised by the council by way of gifts, grants in aid or
26 attested monetary disposition; and

27 (c) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the
28 Council and all other sums that may accrue to the council from any sources

29 (3) The council shall submit to the minster, through the National
30 Commission for Colleges of Education not later than three months before the

1 end of each financial year or at such other time as he may direct an estimate
2 of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year.

3 **18.**-(1) The college may accept gifts or loan, money, or donations Power to accept
4 gifts
4 inform of moveable and immovable property upon such terms and
5 condition, if any as may be specified by the person making the gifts.

6 (2) the college shall not accept any gift if the condition attached to
7 the gifts are inconsistent with the functions of the college.

8 **19.** The college shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, records Accounts and
9 audit
9 of payment assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the
10 account to be audited

11 **20.** The council shall as soon as may be practicable after the Annual reports
12 expiration of each financial year, prepare and submit to the minister a report
13 of its activities during the immediate proceeding financial year and shall
14 include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the college for that
15 year and of the auditor's report of the accounts.

16 **21.** In this Bill Interpretation

17 “Chairman” means the chairman of the council;

18 “College” means the Federal College of Education (Technical) Ikot Uko is
19 established under section (1) of this Bill;

20 “Council” means the governing Council of the college established under
21 section 2 of this Bill;

22 “Function” includes powers and duties;

23 “Minster” means the minster charged with responsibility of education;

24 “Member” means a member of the council including the chairman;

25 “Provost” means the provost of the college established under section 10 of
26 this Bill.

27 **22.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Education Citation
28 (Technical) Ikot Uko (Establishment) Bill, 2020,

1 SCHEDULE

2 [Section 2(3)]

3 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC

4 *Terms of service*

5 1. There may be paid to the members of the councilor any
6 Committee, other than ex officio members, such remuneration and allowance
7 may from time to time be determined by the president

8 2. Where vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in
9 section 3, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for
10 the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor in office and such
11 successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.

12 3. The council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its
13 membership or any defect in the appointment of a member in the absence of a
14 member

15 *Proceedings*

16 4.-(1) the council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times,
17 places and on such days as the chairman may appoint but shall meet not less
18 than once every four months.

19 (2) the chairman may at a time and shall at the request in writing of not
20 less than six members, convene a meeting of the council.

21 (3) where the council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any
22 particular matter, The council may co-opt persons who are not members of the
23 council but persons so co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the
24 Council.

25 (4) The Quorum of the Council shall be one of the total members of
26 the council, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the President.

27 (5) decision of the council shall be made on approval by a simple
28 majority of members.

29 *Miscellaneous*

30 5.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by

1 the signatures of the chairman, provost and of some other members of the
2 council authorized generally or specially by the Council to Act for that
3 purpose

4 (2) any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a
5 person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal
6 may be made executed on behalf of the college by any person generally or
7 specially authorized to act for that purpose by the council.

8 (3) any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of
9 the College shall be received in evidence and shall unless the contrary is
10 proved, be presumed to be so executed.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Education Ikot Uko, Ika LGA, Akwa Ibom state, in order to address the current imbalance occasioned by reason of states creation and boundary adjustment as a result of which the only Federal College of Education in Akwa Ibom State is now located in.....