

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL EYE CENTRE AT OGBONICHA FOR THE PREVENTION AND CURE OF EYE DEFECTS AND DISEASES AND TO ESTABLISH A BOARD TO GOVERN THE CENTRE AND AN ACADEMIC COMMITTEE, TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CENTRE'S ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. David Zacharias

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.**-(1) There is hereby established at Ogbonicha, a center by the Establishment,
2 name of the Federal Eye Centre (in this Bill referred to as "the Centre"), etc, of the Federal
3 which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common Eye Centre
4 seal.
- 5 (2) The Centre shall be a hospital, specialising in ophthalmology,
6 with facilities for the training of ophthalmic personnel at all levels.
- 7 **2.**-(1) The functions of the Centre shall be to provide as part of the Functions of
8 hospital and specialist services, services in connection with the diagnosis the Centre
9 and treatment of diseases or defects of the eye, supply of optical appliances
10 and other supplementary ophthalmic services.
- 11 (2) The Centre shall have power:
- 12 (a) to provide diagnostic, curative, promotive and rehabilitative
13 ophthalmic services;
- 14 (b) to provide ambulatory and domiciliary ophthalmic treatment,
15 employing the services of ophthalmologists and other medical practitioners;
- 16 (c) to provide facilities for the clinical training of
17 ophthalmologists;
- 18 (d) to provide facilities for the training of ophthalmic and

1 dispensing opticians, ophthalmic nurses, orthoptists and ophthalmic
2 technicians;

3 (e) to create facilities for research into all aspects of ophthalmology,
4 that is to say, visual, clinical and experimental;

5 (f) to develop new diagnostic and therapeutic ophthalmic instruments
6 and appliances better suited to the practice of ophthalmology in Nigeria.

7 (3) For the purposes of the discharge of its functions under the
8 foregoing provisions of this clause, the Centre may:

9 (a) arrange periodic conferences, seminars, study groups and like
10 activities in ophthalmology;

11 (b) advise the Government of the Federation or of a State on all
12 matters relating to defects and diseases of the eye and the prevention of
13 blindness;

14 (c) offer such assistance to ophthalmic hospitals or units in various
15 parts of the Federation, as the Board may deem necessary;

16 (d) do anything in connection with or incidental to the functions
17 conferred on it by this Bill.

Constitution
parts of the
Centre

18 **3.** The Centre shall be constituted as follows, that is to say:

19 (a) a management board;

20 (b) an education committee;

21 (c) the clinical and other departments of the Centre;

22 (d) all members of the administrative, clinical and technical staff; and

23 (e) all students of the Centre.

The Management
Board

24 **4.-(1)** There is hereby established for the Centre, a board to be known
25 as the Federal Eye Centre Management Board (in this Bill referred to as "the
26 Board"), which shall have general responsibility for the government of the
27 Centre and shall consist of:

28 (a) the Chairman;

29 (b) the Director;

30 (c) four persons, broadly representative of the whole Federation and

1 representing a variety of interest, who shall be appointed by the President;

2 (d) two persons appointed by the consultant staff of the hospital
3 from among their number;

4 (e) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health, or his
5 representative;

6 (f) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, or his
7 representative.

8 (2) The Chairman and other members who are not ex officio shall
9 be appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister.

10 (3) The Chairman shall be a person of proven integrity, coupled
11 with experience and outstanding ability in administration and professional
12 or technical education.

13 (4) The members specified in paragraphs (b),(d), (e) and (f) of sub-
14 clause (1) of this clause, are hereafter referred to as "ex-officio members".

15 (5) The supplementary provisions in the Schedule to this Bill, shall
16 have effect with respect to the constitution and proceedings of the Board and
17 the education committee and the other matters therein mentioned.

18 [Schedule.]

19 **5.-(1)** The Chairman and any other member of the Board (not being
20 an ex-officio member), shall hold office for a period of three years and shall
21 be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of three years:

Tenure of office
of the Chairman
and Members of
the Board

22 Provided that members of the Board appointed under paragraph (d)
23 of clause 4 (1) of this Bill, shall hold office for two years and shall not be
24 eligible for re-appointment.

25 (2) A member of the Board, other than an ex-officio member, shall
26 be paid out of monies at the disposal of the Board such remuneration and
27 allowances in accordance with scales approved from time to time by the
28 President.

29 (3) In the event of the death or incapacity of the Chairman of the
30 Board, or if for any reason other than effluxion of time, the office of the

1 Chairman is vacant, the President shall, on the recommendation of the
2 Minister, appoint another person as chairman for the residue of the term of the
3 Chairman of the Board.

4 (4) The office of a member of the Board shall become vacant if:

5 (a) he previously resigns his office by notice in writing given to the
6 Minister;

7 (b) the period of his appointment has expired; or

8 (c) there is passed by the Board, a resolution declaring:

9 (i) that he has become unfit for membership of the Board, by reason of
10 the fact that he has become incapable by reason of mental or bodily infirmity of
11 discharging his duties; or

12 (ii) that he has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the
13 Board without leave of the Board; or

14 (iii) he has been convicted of an offence which involves moral
15 turpitude.

16 (5) Soon after the office of a member becomes vacant, the authority
17 by which he was appointed shall appoint another person in his place in
18 accordance with the provisions of this Bill.

19 (6) Any member of the Board other than an ex-officio member may,
20 by notice to the Board, resign his appointment.

General duty of
the Board

21 6.-(1) The Board shall be the governing body of the Centre and shall
22 be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances
23 and property of the Centre, including its public relations.

24 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it shall be the
25 duty of the Board:

26 (a) to construct, equip, maintain and operate the hospital, which is to
27 provide comprehensive services, teaching and clinical research in
28 ophthalmology;

29 (b) to construct, equip, maintain and operate such training schools and
30 similar institutions as the Board considers necessary, for providing the Centre

1 at all times with adequate and sufficiently qualified staff, including
2 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic technicians, nurses and members of other
3 allied professions and calling, relevant to the practice of ophthalmology;

4 (c) to construct, equip, maintain and operate such clinics, units,
5 out-patient departments, laboratories, research or experimental stations and
6 other like institutions, as the Board may consider necessary for the efficient
7 functioning of the Centre.

8 (3) The duty of running the Centre imposed by the foregoing sub-
9 clause shall include, without prejudice to the extent of that duty apart from
10 this sub-clause, the duty of providing proper courses of instruction for
11 students; but the Board shall not have power to award degrees, so however
12 that the Board shall not be prevented from arranging for students to attend
13 courses at or take higher qualifications awarded by other institutions not
14 controlled by the Board.

15 (4) The Board shall ensure that the standards of treatment and care
16 for patients provided at all establishments controlled by the Board and the
17 standards of training at those establishments, do not fall below those usually
18 provided by similar establishments of internationally high repute.

19 (5) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall have power to do anything,
20 which in its opinion, is calculated to facilitate the carrying out of its
21 functions under this Bill.

22 7. The Board shall be responsible for laying down general policies
23 and guidelines relating to the management of the affairs of the Centre,
24 including the management of the hospital and the provision of facilities
25 relating to the training of all categories of ophthalmic personnel and it shall
26 be the duty of the Director to execute such policies and to keep within such
27 guidelines.

Powers of the
Board in relation
to management,
etc. of the Centre

28 8.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this clause, the Director shall be
29 appointed or removed from his office by the President.

Appointment
and removal of
the Director

30 (2) The Director shall hold office for four years in the first instance

1 and shall be eligible for reappointment for terms not exceeding three years, on
2 each occasion.

3 (3) Subject to this clause, the Director shall hold office on such terms
4 as to emoluments and otherwise as may be specified in his letter of
5 appointment.

6 (4) The Director shall, in relation to the Board, take precedence before
7 all other members of the Centre, except the Chairman of the Board and any
8 person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Board.

9 (5) Subject to this clause, the Director shall be the chief executive
10 officer of the Centre and in addition to any other function conferred on him by
11 this Bill, have the general function of directing the day-to-day activities of the
12 Centre.

Appointment,
etc. of other staff

13 9.-(1) The senior members of the clinical, administrative and
14 technical staff of the Centre shall be appointed by the Board on the
15 recommendation of a committee, to be known as the Appointments and
16 Promotions Committee, set up under the provisions of paragraph 4 (3) of the
17 Schedule to this Bill.

18 [Schedule]

19 (2) The Board shall from among the officers appointed pursuant to
20 sub- clause (1) of this clause select, on the recommendation of the Director, a
21 person to act both as the secretary to the Board and to the education committee.

22 (3) The power to appoint all other categories of staff to hold or act in
23 offices in the Centre (including power to make appointments on promotion and
24 transfer and to confirm, dismiss or exercise other disciplinary control over
25 persons holding or acting in such offices), shall be exercised by the Director
26 acting on the recommendation of the Junior Staff Appointments and
27 Promotions Committee, constituted under paragraph 4 (4) of the Schedule to
28 this Bill

Composition of
the Education
Committee

29 10. The Education Committee shall consist of:

30 (a) the Director, who shall be the chairman;

1 (b) the heads of the departments of the Centre, responsible for
2 training; and

3 (c) the persons for the time being holding such offices in the
4 Centre, as the Director may specify.

5 **11.** The education committee shall have responsibility for the
6 running of the academic affairs of the Centre including:

Functions of the
Education
Committee

7 (a) the organisation and control of courses of study at the Centre
8 and of the examinations held in connection with those courses;

9 (b) determining the requisite qualifications for admission into any
10 of the courses offered by the Centre;

11 (c) determining the duration of the training period; and

12 (d) effecting the affiliation of the Centre with universities and
13 institutions, for the award of degrees, diplomas or fellowship to students, on
14 the successful completion of the relevant courses.

15 **12.** Where a candidate offers himself for admission as a
16 postgraduate medical student under this Bill, he shall satisfy the Board that
17 he is a registered medical practitioner or that he is on the temporary or
18 provisional register of medical practitioners of the Nigeria Medical Council

Candidacy for
admission

19 **13.** The Minister may give to the Board directions of a general
20 character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual
21 person or case), with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions
22 under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with the
23 directions, but no direction shall be given which is inconsistent with the
24 duties of the Board under this Bill.

Powers of the
Minister to give
Directions

25 **14.-(1)** The Board shall establish a fund into which it shall pay:

Financial
Provisions

26 (a) such sums as may be provided, from time to time, by the
27 Government of the Federation or of a State for the Centre; and

28 (b) all sums accruing to the Centre by way of fees, gifts,
29 testamentary disposition, contributions from philanthropic persons or
30 organisations or otherwise howsoever.

	1	(2) Except with the approval of the Minister, the Centre shall not have
	2	power to borrow money.
	3	(3) The Board shall prepare and submit to the Minister, not later than
	4	31 December in each financial year, an estimate of the income and expenditure
	5	of the Centre during the next succeeding financial year.
	6	(4) The Centre shall keep proper accounts in respect of each financial
	7	year and proper records in relation to those accounts and shall cause its
	8	accounts to be audited as soon as may be, after the end of the financial year to
	9	which the accounts relate by a firm of auditors appointed, as respects that year,
	10	by the Board from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the
	11	Auditor-General of the Federation.
Fees for Services	12	15. The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, prescribe the
	13	scale of fees for Services chargeable for hospital services provided by the
	14	Centre.
Power to accept gifts	15	16. -(1) The Centre may accept gifts of land, money or other property
	16	upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or
	17	organisation making the gift.
	18	(2) The Board shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by
	19	the person making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Board
	20	under this Bill
Discipline of students	21	17. -(1) Subject to the provisions of this clause, where it appears to the
	22	Director that any student of the Centre has been guilty of misconduct, the
	23	Director may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on
	24	him by regulations, direct:
	25	(a) that, the student shall not, during such period as may be specified
	26	in the direction, participate in such activities of the Centre or make use of such
	27	facilities of the Centre as may be so specified;
	28	(b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be
	29	specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;
	30	(c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in

1 the direction; or

2 (d) that the student be expelled from the Centre.

3 (2) Where a direction is given under sub-clause (1) (c) or (d) of this
4 clause in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed
5 period and in the prescribed manner, appeal from the direction to the Board;
6 and where such an appeal is brought, the Board shall, after causing inquiry to
7 be made in the matter as the Board considers appropriate, either confirm or
8 set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Board thinks fit.

9 (3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance
10 of the last foregoing sub-clause, shall not affect the operation of the direction
11 while the appeal is pending.

12 (4) The Director may delegate his powers under this clause to a
13 disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Centre as he may
14 nominate.

15 (5) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the
16 restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Centre otherwise
17 than on the ground of misconduct.

18 (6) It is hereby declared that a direction under sub-clause (1) (a) of
19 this clause may be combined with a direction under sub-clause (1) (b) of this
20 clause.

21 (7) Nothing in this clause shall affect the provisions of any
22 enactment relating to the discipline of medical practitioners, pharmacists,
23 nurses or members of any other profession or calling.

24 **18.-(1)** If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing
25 that any person employed as a member of the clinical, administrative or
26 technical staff of the Centre, other than the Director, should be removed
27 from his office or employment, the Board shall require the Director to:

Removal and
discipline of
Clinical,
Administrative
and Technical
Staff

28 (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;

29 (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person
30 on the matter to the Board; and

1 (c) if the person in question so requests within the period of one month
2 beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements:

3 (i) for a committee to investigate the matter and to report on it to the
4 Board; and

5 (ii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of
6 appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect
7 to the matter, and if the Board, after considering the report of the investigating
8 committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as
9 aforesaid, the Board may so remove him by a letter signed on the direction of
10 the Board.

11 (2) The Director may, in a case of misconduct by a member of staff,
12 which in the opinion of the Director is prejudicial to the interest of the Centre,
13 suspend any such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported
14 to the Board.

15 (3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended from
16 his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Board; and for the
17 purposes of this clause, "good cause" means:

18 (a) a conviction for any offence which the Board considers to be such
19 as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his
20 office; or

21 (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Board, after obtaining
22 medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to
23 continue to hold his office; or

24 (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the
25 Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue
26 to hold his office; or

27 (d) conduct which the Board considers to be such as to constitute
28 failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his
29 office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.

30 (4) Any person suspended shall, subject to sub-clause (2) and (3) of

1 this clause, be on half pay and the Board shall before the expiration of a
2 period of three months after the date of such suspension, consider the case
3 against that person and come to a decision as to:

4 (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so, on what
5 terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);

6 (b) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Board shall
7 restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;

8 (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned,
9 in which case such person will not be entitled to the proportion of his
10 emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or

11 (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such
12 person (including the restoration of his emoluments that might have been
13 withheld), as the Board may determine, and in any case where the Board,
14 pursuant to this clause, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides
15 to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Board shall, before
16 the expiration of a period of three months from such decision, come to a final
17 determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.

18 (5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom a letter of removal is
19 signed in pursuance of sub-clause (1) of this clause, to use his best
20 endeavours to cause a copy of the letter to be served as soon as reasonably
21 practicable on the person to whom it relates.

22 (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this clause shall prevent
23 the Board from making regulations for the discipline of students and all
24 other categories of employees of the Centre, as the Board may prescribe.

25 (7) Regulations made under sub-clause (6) of this clause, need not
26 be published in the Federal Gazette, but the Board shall bring them to the
27 notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time,
28 determine.

29 19.-(1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency,
30 the Director may suspend him for not more than three months and forthwith

Discipline of
Junior Staff

1 shall direct the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotion Committee
2 appointed under the provisions of paragraph 3 (b) of the Schedule to this Bill:

3 *[Schedule]*

4 (a) to consider the case; and

5 (b) to make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken
6 by the Director.

7 (2) In all cases under this clause the officer shall be informed of the
8 charge against him and shall be given reasonable opportunity to defend
9 himself.

10 (3) The Director may, after considering the recommendation made
11 pursuant to sub-clause (1) (b) of this clause, dismiss, terminate, retire or down-
12 grade the officer concerned.

13 (4) Any person aggrieved by the Director's decision under sub-clause
14 (3) of this clause may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter
15 communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the Board to
16 reconsider his case, and the Board's decision thereon shall be final.

Exclusion or
discrimination
on account of
race, religion,
etc.

17 **20.** No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of
18 the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place
19 of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition to
20 becoming or continuing to be a student at the Centre, the holder of any
21 appointment or employment at the Centre or a member of anybody established
22 by virtue of this Bill; and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or
23 accorded any advantage in relation to the Centre, by reference to any of those
24 matters:

25 Provided that nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing
26 the Centre from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the
27 aforementioned persons, where such person wilfully refuses or fails, on
28 grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly
29 imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to
30 its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of

1 the Centre reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

2 **21.** The Board shall prepare and submit to the President, through Annual Reports
3 the Minister, not later than 30 June in each year, a report in such form as the
4 Minister may direct on the activities of the Board during the immediately
5 preceding year and shall include in such report a copy of the audited
6 accounts of the Centre for that year and of the auditors' report thereon.

7 **22.**-(1) On the commencement of this Bill, any person employed Transitional and
8 by or serving in, Kogi State Eye Hospital Ogbonicha, shall be deemed to Savings Provision
9 have been employed or serving in the Centre established under this Bill.

10 (2) All Assets or liabilities belonging to Kogi State Eye Hospital
11 Ogbonicha shall be deemed to belong to the Centre established under this
12 Bill.

13 **23.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation
14 "the Board" means the governing Board for the Centre, appointed under
15 clause 4 (1) of this Bill;
16 "the Centre" means the Federal Eye Centre, established under clause 1 of
17 this Bill;
18 "functions" includes powers and duties;
19 "the Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for health;
20 "student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Board,
21 for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution.

22 **24.** This Bill is cited as the Federal Eye Centre, Ogbonicha Citation
23 (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020.

1 SCHEDULE

2 *Clause 4 (5)*3 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, THE
4 EDUCATION COMMITTEE. ETC.5 *Proceedings of the Board*

6 1. Subject to the provisions of this Bill and section 27 of the
7 Interpretation Act (which provides for the decisions of a statutory body to be
8 taken by a majority of the members of the body and for the person presiding to
9 have a second or casting vote), the Board may make standing orders regulating
10 the proceedings of the Board or any committee thereof.

11 *[Cap. 123]*

12 2. The quorum of the Board shall be five, which shall include the
13 Chairman and at least one other member, who is not an ex-officio member; and
14 the quorum of any committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.

15 3.-(1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Board,
16 the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman; and if the
17 Chairman is required so to do by notice given to him by not less than five other
18 members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within fourteen
19 days of the date of the receipt by him of the notice.

20 (2) At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman of the Board shall
21 preside and if the Chairman is absent, the members present shall elect one of
22 their number to preside at the meeting.

23 (3) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on any
24 particular matter, the Board may co-opt him as a member for such period as it
25 thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph, shall
26 not be entitled to vote and shall not count towards a quorum.

27 (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this
28 paragraph, the first meeting of the Board shall be summoned by the Minister,
29 who may give such directions as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be
30 followed at that meeting.

1 *Committees of the Board and Education Committee*

2 4.-(1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out
3 on behalf of the Board such of its functions as the Board may determine, but
4 a decision of a committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the
5 Board.

6 (2) The education committee may appoint one or more committees
7 to carry out on behalf of the education committee such of its functions as the
8 education committee may determine, but a decision of a committee shall be
9 of no effect until it is confirmed by the education committee.

10 (3) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraphs (1) and
11 (2) of this Schedule, the Board shall appoint the following committees, that
12 is:

13 (a) the Appointments and Promotions Committee, which shall:

14 (i) consist of not less than five members, including the Director,
15 who shall be the chairman of the Committee;

16 (ii) be charged with the responsibility for making
17 recommendations to the Board on the appointment and promotion of the
18 clinical, administrative and technical staff of the Centre and have a quorum
19 of three members;

20 (b) the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee,
21 which shall have the powers set out in clause 19 of this Bill.

22 *Employees of the Centre*

23 5. Subject to this Bill, the Board shall have power:

24 (a) to pay the employees of the Centre such remuneration and
25 allowances as the Board may with the approval of the Minister determine;

26 (b) to pay any person appointed to a committee of the Board such
27 remuneration (whether by way of fees or otherwise), in respect of the
28 performance of his functions under this Bill and such travelling and
29 subsistence allowances while on the business of the Board, as the Board may
30 determine;

1 (c) to establish for the employees of the Centre such superannuation
2 scheme (whether contributory or not), as the Board may determine; and

3 (d) to give loans to its employees for purposes approved by the Board.

4 *Miscellaneous*

5 6.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the
6 signature of the Chairman or of some other member, authorised generally or
7 specially by the Board for that purpose.

8 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person
9 not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made
10 or executed on behalf of the Centre by any person generally or specially
11 authorised to act for that purpose by the Board or a committee of the Board.

12 (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under
13 the seal of the Centre shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the
14 contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

15 7. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or a committee
16 thereof, shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Board or
17 committee, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or of
18 any other person on the committee.

19 8. Any member, and any person holding office on a committee of the
20 Board, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into
21 or proposed to be considered by the Board, shall forthwith disclose his interest
22 to the Board and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or
23 arrangement.

24 *Education Committee*

25 9. The provisions of this Schedule shall apply mutatis mutandis to the
26 education committee; so however that in relation to the quorum thereof, it shall
27 be as may be determined by the education committee.

Explanatory Memorandum

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Eye Centre at Ogbonicha for the prevention and cure of eye defects and diseases and to establish a board to govern the centre and an academic committee, to take charge of the centre's academic affairs.