

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPULSORY FREE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION ACT, CAP C52 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO INCLUDE SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION AS PART OF BASIC EDUCATION IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2020

Sponsored by Hon. Oluga Taiwo

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act, CAP C,
2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, (hereinafter to as the "Principal
3 Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

Amendment of
the Principal Act

4 2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by amending
5 Subsection (1) and (2) thereof, to include Senior Secondary Education as
6 part of free, compulsory education as under this Bill and it shall read as
7 follows

Amendment of
Section 2 of the
Principal Act to
include Secondary
Education as
Basic Education
in Nigeria

8 "2(1) Every Government in Nigeria shall provide free,
9 compulsory and universal basic education for every child of primary, junior
10 secondary and senior secondary school age

11 2(2) Every Parent shall ensure that his child or ward attends and
12 completes his:

13 (a) Primary school education;

14 (b) Junior secondary education

15 (c) Senior secondary education by endeavouring to send them to
16 complete secondary education in Nigeria".

17 3. Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by introducing a new
18 paragraph (iv) after the existing paragraph 9(e)(iii) as follows:

Amendment of
Section 9 of the
Principal Act

19 "9(1)(e)(iv) ensure the teaching of Nigerian history, peace studies

Amendment of
Section 9 of the
Principal Act

1 and civic education in Primary, Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary levels
2 in Nigeria."

3 4. Section 9 of the Principal Act is further amended by deleting the
4 words "develop and" in section 9(k) and introducing a new 9(o) and
5 accordingly renumbering the existing paragraphs (o) (p) and it shall read as
6 follows:

7 "9(k) disseminate curricula and instructional materials for basic
8 education in Nigeria:

9 9(o) carry out after every four(4) years qualitative tests and surveys
10 that measure teacher's performance for the teaching staff that benefitted from
11 the retraining exercise;

12 9(p) carry out such other activities that are relevant and conducive to
13 the discharge of its functions under this Act; and

14 9(q) carry out such other functions as the Minister may, from time to
15 time determine."

Citation

16 5. This Bill may be cited as the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic
17 Education (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, 2004, to expand the scope of basic education in Nigeria to include Senior Secondary Education in Nigeria.