

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPULSORY TEACHING OF VOCATIONAL STUDIES IN THE SYLLABUSES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2020

Sponsored by Hon. Joseph Asuku Bello

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.**-(1) As from the commencement of this Act, all Secondary Establishment
- 2 School in Nigeria shall include the teaching of Vocational Studies in their
- 3 Syllabuses.
- 4 (2) It is hereby accordingly declared that it shall be the policy of
- 5 Government to ensure that Vocational Studies be taught in all Secondary
- 6 Schools in Nigeria as from the commencement of this Act.
- 7 (3) It shall be compulsory for every student to make at least a
- 8 CREDIT score in at least one subject of Vocational Studies at the School
- 9 Leaving Certificate Examinations.
- 10 **2.**-(1) Every Secondary School in Nigeria which fails or refuses to Offences and
- 11 include the teaching of Vocational Studies in their Syllabuses commits an Penalties
- 12 offence and is liable to yearly fine of N250,000.00 for a grace period of 2
- 13 years, after which upon conviction, to a fine of not less than Five Million
- 14 Naira (N5,000,000:00) or have it, operating licence revoked or both.
- 15 (2) Where a Secondary School commits an offense under this Act,
- 16 any officer or Agent of the School who directed, authorized, assented to or
- 17 acquiesced or participated in the commission of the offense is a party to and
- 18 is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than Five Hundred Thousand
- 19 Naira (N500,000:00), or to imprisonment for a term of Three Months

Regulations and Standards	1	3.-(1) The Federal Ministry of Education shall in liaison with relevant
	2	private and public organization, prepare the subject content of Vocational
	3	Studies.
	4	(2) The Federal Ministry of Education shall in liaison with State
	5	Ministries of Education ensures regulations and standards are complied with in
	6	the teaching of teaching of vocational studies
Recovery of Fines and Prosecution	7	4.-(1) A fine imposed under this Act shall constitute a debt due to
	8	Federal or State Government as the case may be and may be recovered in the
	9	High Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction.
	10	(2) Each such debt is collected by and paid to Federal or State
	11	Ministry of Education as the case may be.
	12	{3}The Federal and State Ministries of Education shall have the
Interpretation	13	power to arrest and prosecute the offenders of this Bill.
	14	5. In this Bill unless the context otherwise requires:
	15	"Vocational Studies" means studies/subjects designed to equip students with
	16	necessary skills and practical experience to work as artisans, technicians and
	17	tradesmen in specific trades and occupations such as arts and crafts, tailoring,
	18	carpentry, music and catering amongst others;
	19	"Secondary School" means Public and Private (Government Approved Private
	20	Schools) in Nigeria.
	21	6. This Bill may be cited as Vocational Studies (Compulsory
Short title	22	Inclusion in Secondary School Syllabuses) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the compulsory Teaching of Vocational Studies in Nigeria; to promote the Development of Policy-oriented Studies of Security and Intelligence Services and to also inculcate the awareness and value for National Security in Nigeria for best intervention practice.

It also makes it an offence not to include the teaching of Vocational Studies in the Syllabuses of Secondary Schools in Nigeria