

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE NIGERIAN DEFENCE ACADEMY ACT CAP. N101 LFN, TO MAKE PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL CAMPUSES TO GIVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO NIGERIAN YOUTHS WISHING TO TAKE UP CAREER IN THE MILITARY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Aniekan Umanah

[] Commencement

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

1 **1.** The Nigerian Defence Academy Act Cap. N101 LFN (in this
2 Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

Amendment of
the Nigerian
Defence Academy
Act Cap. N101
LFN

3 **2.** Section 1 (Status of the Academy) of the Principal Act is
4 amended by inserting the phrase, "to establish additional campuses and",
5 after the word "power". The said section now reads:

Amendment of
Section 1

6 "The Nigerian Defence Academy (in this Act referred to as "the
7 Academy) shall continue to be a military institution and shall have power to
8 establish additional campuses and to award its own degrees in accordance
9 with the highest academic standard as may be prescribed by the National
10 Universities Commission".

11 **3.** Section 12 (Power to create Offices and Departments) the
12 heading of this section of the principal Act is amended by adding the word
13 "and campuses" after the word "Departments".

Amendment of
Section 12

14 The main statement of this section is amended by introduction of
15 the phrase "and shall also have the power to make recommendations for
16 creation of additional campus of the academy to the President and
17 commander in chief of the armed forces of Nigeria whose approval will be
18 needed for creation of such new campus" after the word "Academy".

Further Amendment
of Section 12

1 Section 12 now reads: "Power to create offices and Departments and Campus"
2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the third Schedule to this Act, the Council
3 shall have power to create any office or department, necessary for the efficient
4 running of the Academy, and shall also have the power to recommendations for
5 creation of additional campus of the academy to the President and Commander
6 in Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria whose approval Shall be needed for
7 creation of such new campus.

Amendment of
Section 16

8 4. Section 16 (Interpretation)of the principal Act is amended by
9 addition of the phrase "Campus" Means the campus of Nigerian Defence
10 Academy after the Phrase "Minister" "means Minister charged with the
11 responsibility for defence matters"

12 The said section now reads:

13 Interpretation

14 In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

15 "Academy" means the Nigerian Defence Academy established under section 1
16 of this Act;

17 "Council" means the Nigerian Defence Academy Council established under
18 section 4 of this Act;

19 "Minister" means Minister charged with the responsibility for defence matters;

20 "Campus" Means the campus of Nigerian Defence Academy established under
21 section 1 and 12 of this Act;

Citation

22 5. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Defence Academy Act
23 (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Defence Academy Act Cap N101 LFN 2004 to make Provision for establishment of Additional campuses to give more opportunity to Nigerian youths wishing to take up career in the military.