[HB. 926] C 3737

## **A BILL**

## **FOR**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI ACT, CAP. U10 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO SPECIFY THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ACTION NOTICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan

ſ 1 Commencement ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria: 1 1. The University of Maiduguri Act Cap. U10 Laws of the Amendment of Cap. U10 LFN, 2 Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as" the Principal Act") is 2004 3 amended as set out in this Bill. 4 2. Section 5(a) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after Amendment of Section 5(a) 5 the word, "Pro-Chancellor", the words, "who shall possess a minimum of a 6 university degree or its equivalent with cognate experience, integrity, 7 vibrancy and must be healthy and fit to perform the function of a chairman." 8 3. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new Amendment of Section 10 9 sub section "(2A)": 10 "(2A) The University shall make Intellectual Property Governance 11 Codes that comply with international best practice to govern the ownership 12 of intellectual property within the university.". 13 **4.** The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section "18A": Insertion of a new section 18A 14 "18A" Pre-Action Notice: 15 (1) An aggrieved staff or student shall not commence a suit in Court 16 against the University except the staff or student gives the University one 17 month written notice of intention to commence the suit. 18 (2) The written notice of under subsection (1) of this section shall

	1	be served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice
	2	shall explicitly state the:
	3	(a) cause of action;
	4	(b) particulars of claim or the grievance sought to be redressed;
	5	(c) name, particulars and official address of the intending plaintiff;
	6	and
	7	(d) relief which the intending plaintiff claims.
	8	(3) The written notice under subsection (1) of this section and any
	9	summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served on the
Amendment of Article 8(1) of the Third Schedule	10	University under this Act or any other law shall be addressed to the Vice-
	11	Chancellor of the University and may be served by delivering same to the Vice-
	12	Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor or any other Principal Officer of the
	13	University or by sending it by registered post, electronic mail or any other
	14	legally recognized digital form of communication in Nigeria.".
	15	5. Article 8(1) of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended
	16	by deleting the words, "after which he may not be elected again until two years
	17	have elapsed" in line 3, and inserting the words, "and no more".
Citation	18	6. This Bill may be cited as the University of Maiduguri
	19	(Amendment) Bill, 2020.
		EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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This Bill seeks to amend the University of Maiduguri Act Cap.U10 laws of the Federation of Nigeria by specifying the minimum qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, ownership of intellectual property and providing for pre-action notice to the University authority from an aggrieved staff or student.