

FEDERAL COLLEGE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES NGOR

OKPALA, IMO STATE (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2021

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# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO ESTABLISH THE  
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES NGOR OKPALA,  
IMO STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Bede Uchenna Eke*

[ ] Commencement

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

1           PART I - ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF THE  
2                                                        FEDERAL COLLEGE

3           1.-(1) There is hereby established the Federal College of Medical  
4 Laboratory Sciences Ngor Okpala, Imo State (in this Bill referred to as "the  
5 College").

Establishment  
of Federal College  
of Health and  
Medical Sciences  
Ngor Okpala,  
Imo State

- 6           (2) The College:
- 7           (a) Shall be a body corporate;
- 8           (b) May sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- 9           (c) Shall have perpetual succession and a common seal;
- 10          (d) Shall be a training institution for the development of Medical
- 11 Laboratory Technology in the country;
- 12          (e) The College shall be supervised by the Federal Ministry of
- 13 Education through the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE)
- 14 who shall be responsible for approving and regulating all academic
- 15 programmes run in the College, to ensure quality compliance and provide
- 16 funds for academic and research programmes, infrastructure and
- 17 remuneration of employees;

- 18          (f) The objects of the College shall be:
- 19           (a) to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all
- 20 persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction;

1 (b) to develop and offer academic professional programmes leading  
2 to the award of certificates, degrees, post graduate research, diploma and  
3 higher degrees with emphasis on Medical Laboratory and Technological  
4 Sciences;

5 (c) to undertake any other activities that is appropriate for a Science  
6 College of the highest standard.

Constitution  
and Principal  
Officers of the  
College

7 2.-(1) The College shall consist of:

8 (a) a Chancellor;

9 (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;

10 (c) the Provost of the College and a Senate;

11 (d) a body to be called Congregation;

12 (e) a body to be called Convocation;

13 (f) the Colleges, institutes and other teaching and research units of the  
14 College;

15 (g) the person holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to  
16 this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this sub section;

17 (h) all graduates and undergraduates of the College; and

18 (i) all other persons who are members of the College in accordance  
19 with provisions made by statute in that behalf.

20 (2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the  
21 principal officers of the College.

22 (3) Subject to section 5 of this Bill provision shall be made by statute  
23 with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, Congregation and  
24 Convocation.

Powers of the  
College and  
their exercise

25 3.-(1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section 1 of this  
26 Bill, Federal College of Medical Laboratory Sciences Ngor Okpala, Imo State  
27 shall have power:

28 (a) to offer courses of instruction, training and research in Education,  
29 Medical, Technology and Laboratory Sciences;

30 (b) to establish such colleges, campuses, institutes, schools,

1 departments and other teaching and research units within the College as may  
2 from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable, subject to the approval  
3 of National Board for Technical Education(NBTE);

4 (c) to institute professorships, readerships or associate  
5 professorships, lectureship and other posts and offices and to make  
6 appointments thereto;

7 (d) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,  
8 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of  
9 assistance;

10 (e) to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the  
11 College;

12 (f) to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates  
13 and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study  
14 approved by the college and have satisfied such other requirements as the  
15 college may lay down;

16 (g) to grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

17 (h) to demand and receive from any student or any person attending  
18 the college such fees as the college may from time to time determine subject  
19 to the overall directives of the Minister;

20 (i) subject to section 20 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, change  
21 or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property  
22 wherever it is situate;

23 (j) to accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to  
24 accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and  
25 conditions attached thereto;

26 (k) to enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or  
27 jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;

28 (l) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories,  
29 workshops, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds,  
30 playing fields and other buildings of things necessary, suitable or convenient

1 for any of the objects of the college;

2 (m) to hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and  
3 bookselling; and

4 (n) to do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the  
5 foregoing powers, as may advance the Objects of the college.

6 (2) subject to the provisions of this Bill, the powers conferred on the  
7 College by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of the  
8 college by the councilor by the senate or in any manner which may be  
9 authorized by the statute.

10 (3) The power of the college to establish further campuses and  
11 colleges shall be exercisable by statute and not otherwise .

Functions of  
Chancellor and  
Pro-Chancellor

12 4.-(1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the college, take precedence  
13 before all other members of the college, and when he is present, shall preside at  
14 all meetings of convocation held for conferring degrees.

15 (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the college, take  
16 precedence before all other members of the college, except the Chancellor and  
17 except the Provost when acting as Chairman of congregation or convocation  
18 and Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, to be the Chairman at all  
19 meetings of the Council.

Composition,  
Tenure and Powers  
of the Council  
of the College

20 5.-(1) The Council of the College shall consist of:

21 (a) the Pro-Chancellor who shall be appointed by the President on the  
22 recommendation of the Minister of Education;

23 (b) the Provost;

24 (c) the Deputy Provost(s);

25 (d) one person from the Ministry of Education;

26 (e) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly  
27 representative of the whole Federation to be appointed from:

28 (i) Teachers Registration Council;

29 (ii) Tertiary Education Trust Fund; and

30 (iii) two other persons, one of whom shall be a representative of the

1 College host community.

2 (2). Persons to be appointed to the council shall be of proven  
3 integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and traditions of the  
4 college.

5 (3) The Council so constituted shall have a tenure of four years  
6 from the date of its inauguration provided that where a council is found to be  
7 incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the Visitor and a new  
8 Council shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the  
9 College.

10 (4) The powers of the council shall be exercised, as in this Bill and  
11 to the extant establishment circulars that are inconsistent with this Bill shall  
12 not apply to the college.

13 6.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the visitor,  
14 council shall be the governing body of the college and shall be charged with  
15 the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property  
16 of the college.

Functions of the  
Council and its  
Finance and General  
Purposes Committee

17 (2) There shall be a committee of the council, to be known as the  
18 Finance, and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the  
19 directions of the council, exercise control over the property and expenditure  
20 of the college and perform such other functions of the council as the council  
21 may from time to time delegate to it.

22 (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the  
23 constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

24 (4) The council shall ensure that proper accounts of the college are  
25 kept and that the accounts of the college are audited annually by an  
26 independent firm of auditors approved by the council and an annual report is  
27 published by the college together with certified copies of the said accounts  
28 as audited.

29 PART II - FUNCTIONS

30 7.-(1) Subject to section 6 of this Bill and subsections (3) and (4) of

Functions of the  
Senate of the  
College

1 this section and the provisions of this Bill relating to the visitor, it shall be the  
2 general function of the senate to organize and control the teaching by the  
3 college, the admission of students where no other enactment provides to the  
4 contrary and the discipline of students, and to promote, research at the college.

5 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section  
6 and subject as therein mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the  
7 senate to make provision for:

8 (a) the establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges,  
9 schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the college and the  
10 allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;

11 (b) the organization and control of courses of study at the college and  
12 of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the  
13 appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

14 (c) the award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be  
15 prescribed in connection with examinations held as aforesaid;

16 (d) the making of recommendations to the council with respect to the  
17 award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of  
18 professor emeritus.

19 (3) the senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school.  
20 Department, institute or other teaching and research units of the college, or any  
21 hall of residence or similar institution at the college without the approval of the  
22 council.

23 (4) subject to this Bill and statutes, the Senate may make regulations  
24 for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the  
25 foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise for the purpose of making  
26 provisions for any matter for which provision by regulations is authorized or  
27 required by this Bill or by statute.

28 8.-(1) The Provost shall, in relation to the college, take precedence  
29 before all other members of the college except the chancellor and subject to  
30 section 4 of this Bill except the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the



1 time being acting as Chairman of the Council:

2 (a) provide the general policies and guidelines relating to major  
3 expansion programmes of the University;

4 (b) provide facilities for the training of medical students of  
5 associate universities;

6 (c) manage and superintend the affairs of the University;

7 (d) subject to the provisions of this Bill, make, alter and revoke  
8 rules and regulations for carrying on the functions of the University;

9 (e) fix terms and conditions of service, including remuneration of  
10 the employees of the College subject to the approval of National Salaries  
11 Incomes and Wages Commission;

12 (f) do such other things which in the opinion of the Board are  
13 necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the  
14 University.

15 PART III - STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY

16 9.-(1) There shall be for the College a Provost who shall be  
17 appointed by the President on the recommendation of Hon. Minister of  
18 Health on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of  
19 appointment or as may be determined, from time to time, by the National  
20 Salaries Income and Wages Commission.

Appointment of  
Provost of the  
College

21 (2) The Provost shall:

22 (a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the University;

23 (b) be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day administration of  
24 the University;

25 (c) be appointed for a term of four years in the first instance and  
26 may be reappointed for a further term of four years subject to satisfactory  
27 performance;

28 (d) be a person who is a medical practitioner and shall have been so  
29 qualified for a period of not less than 15 years;

1 (e) have considerable administrative experience in matters of health;  
2 (f) hold a post-graduate specialist qualification obtained not less than  
3 ten years prior to the appointment as Chief Medical Director.

Functions of  
the Board

4 10.-(1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council of  
5 the college shall, by virtue of this sub-section and without further assurance,  
6 vest in the college and be held by it for the purpose of the College.

Second Schedule

7 (2) The provisions of the second schedule to this Bill shall have effect  
8 with respect to, and matters arising from, the transfer of property by this section  
9 and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that schedule .

10 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this  
11 section the Board shall have power to appoint for the College either directly or  
12 on secondment from any public service in the Federation, such number of  
13 employees as may, in the opinion of the Board, be required to assist the College  
14 in the discharge of any of its functions under this Bill.

15 (4) Nothing in subsection (4) of this section shall preclude the Board  
16 from appointing persons from outside the public service of the Federation or of  
17 the State whenever it deems it necessary so to do.

18 (5) The terms and conditions of service (including remuneration,  
19 allowances, benefits and pensions) of the employees of the College shall be as  
20 determined by the National Salaries Income and Wages Commission.

Service in College  
to be pensionable

21 11. -(1) Service in the College shall be approved service for the  
22 purposes of the Pensions Reforms Act.

23 (2) The officers and other persons employed in the College shall be  
24 entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by  
25 persons holding equivalent grades in the civil service of the Federation.

26 (3) Nothing in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall prevent the  
27 appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of  
28 pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

Establishment  
of College Advisory  
Committee

29 12.-(1) There shall be for the College a Medical Advisory Committee  
30 which shall:

1 (a) consist of a chairman who shall be the Director, Clinical  
 2 Services and such number of other members as may be determined from  
 3 time to time;

4 (b) be responsible to the Chief Medical Director for all the clinical  
 5 and training activities of the University; and

6 (c) be appointed by the Board.

7 (2) Subject to this Bill, the Board shall have power to appoint either  
 8 directly or on secondment and discipline consultants holding or acting in  
 9 any office in the hospital; and any such appointment shall be made having  
 10 due regard to the approved personnel establishment of the University.

11 (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Board may, from  
 12 time to time, appoint consultants outside the hospital to perform such  
 13 medical duties as the Board or the Chief Medical Director may assign to  
 14 such consultants.

15 PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

16 13. There shall be established and maintained for the College a  
 17 fund into which shall be paid and credited:

Fund of the  
College

18 (a) all subventions and budgetary allocation from the Government  
 19 of the Federation;

20 (b) all fees and funds accruing from the sale of drugs and other  
 21 services;

22 (c) all sums accruing to the College by way of gifts, endowments,  
 23 bequests, grants or other contributions by persons and organisations;

24 (d) foreign aid and assistance from bilateral agencies; and

25 (e) all other sums which may, from time to time, accrue to the  
 26 College.

27 14. The College shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its  
 28 disposal to:

Expenditure of  
the University

29 (a) (a) the cost of administration and maintenance of the  
 30 University;

- 1 (b) publicize and promote the activities of the University;
- 2 (c) pay allowances, expenses and other benefits of members of the
- 3 Board and committees of the Board;
- 4 (d) pay the salaries, allowances and benefits of employees of the
- 5 College;
- 6 (e) pay other overhead allowances, benefits and other administrative
- 7 costs of the College; and
- 8 (f) undertake such other activities as are connected with all or any of
- 9 the functions of the College under this Bill.

Power to accept gifts

- 10 15.-(1) The College may accept gifts of land, money or other property
- 11 on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or
- 12 organization making the gift.
- 13 (2) The College shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by
- 14 the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of
- 15 the College under this Bill.

Annual Estimates and expenditure

- 16 16.-(1) The College shall, not later than 30 September in each year,
- 17 submit to expenditure the President through the Secretary to the Government
- 18 of the Federation an estimate of the expenditure and income of the College
- 19 during the next succeeding year.
- 20 (2) The College shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the College
- 21 in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and shall cause the
- 22 accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end of each year by
- 23 auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied
- 24 by the Auditor-General for the Federation.

Annual reports

- 25 17. The College shall prepare and submit to the President, not later
- 26 than 30th June in each year, a report in such form as the President may direct on
- 27 the activities of the College during the immediately preceding year, and shall
- 28 include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Federal College for
- 29 that year and the auditor's report thereon.

1                   18.-(1) The College may, from time to time, borrow by overdraft or      Power to borrow  
2 otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions  
3 under this Bill.

4                   (2)The College shall not, without the approval of the President,  
5 borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the President.

6                   (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, where the sum  
7 to be borrowed is in foreign currency, the College shall not borrow the sum  
8 without the prior approval of the President.

9                   19.-(1) The College shall not pay income tax on any income      Exemption from  
10 derived by the Federal College under this Bill or accruing to it from any of its      tax  
11 investments.

12                   (2) Accordingly, the provisions of any enactment relating to the  
13 taxation of companies or trust funds shall not apply to the Board of the  
14 Federal College.

15                   20. The College shall not pay customs duty on or be restricted or      Exemption from  
16 prohibited from importing any equipment, material, supply and any other      custom duties etc.  
17 thing required by the College for the purposes of this Bill:  
18 Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the  
19 Nigeria Customs Service from inspecting any equipment, or material  
20 imported by the centre.

21                   PART V - GENERAL

22                   21.-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any      Discipline of  
23 other enactment, where it appears to the Board that any student of the      students  
24 College has been guilty of misconduct, the Board may, without prejudice to  
25 any other disciplinary powers conferred on it by regulations, direct:

26                   (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified  
27 in the direction, participate in such activities of the University, or make use  
28 of such facilities of the College as may be so specified;

29                   (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may

1 be specified in the direction; be restricted in such manner as may be so  
2 specified;

3 (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in  
4 the direction; or

5 (d) that the student be expelled from the University;

6 (2) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of  
7 subsection (1) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while  
8 the appeal is pending.

9 (3) The Board may delegate its powers under this section to a  
10 disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as the  
11 Council may nominate.

12 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the  
13 restriction or termination of student's activities at the College otherwise than on  
14 the ground of misconduct.

15 (5) A direction issued under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be  
16 combined with a direction issued under subsection (1) (b) of this section.

17 (6) Nothing in this Bill shall affect the provisions of any enactment  
18 relating to the discipline of medical practitioners, pharmacists, midwives,  
19 nurses or members of any other profession or calling.

Removal and  
discipline of  
clinical,  
administrative  
and technical staff

20 22.-(1) If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing  
21 that any person employed as a member of the clinical, administrative or  
22 technical staff of the College, other than the Provost, should be removed from  
23 his office or employment, the Council shall require the Director of  
24 Administration to:

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

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

28 (c) if the person in question so requests within a period of 1 month  
29 beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements for:

1 (i) a committee to investigate the matter and report on it to the  
2 Board; and

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

9 (2) The Provost may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the  
10 staff which in the opinion of the Chief Medical Director is prejudicial to the  
11 interest of the University, suspend any such member and any such  
12 suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board.

13 (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from  
14 his duties or his appointment may be terminated or he may be dismissed by  
15 the Board and for the purposes of this section, "good cause" means:

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

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

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

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

28 (4) Any person suspended shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3)  
29 of this section be on half pay and the Board shall before the expiration of a  
30 period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case

1 against that person and come to a decision as to:

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

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

6 (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in  
7 which case he shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments  
8 withheld during the period of suspension; or

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

16 (5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom a letter of removal is  
17 signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section to use his best endeavors to  
18 cause a copy of the letter to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the  
19 person to whom it relates.

20 (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall preclude  
21 the Board from making such regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of  
22 this Bill for the discipline of students and all other categories of employees of  
23 the hospital as the Board may prescribe.

24 (7) Regulations made under subsection (6) of this section need not be  
25 published in the Gazette but the Board shall cause them to be brought to the  
26 notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time,  
27 determine.

28 23.-(1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the  
29 Provost may suspend him for not more than a period of 3 months and shall  
30 direct a committee to:



1 (a) consider the case; and  
2 (b) make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken  
3 by the Provost.

4 (2) In all cases under this section of this Bill, the officer shall be  
5 informed of the charge against him and given a reasonable opportunity to  
6 defend himself.

7 (3) The Provost may, after considering the recommendation made  
8 pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of this section, dismiss, or take such other  
9 disciplinary action against the officer concerned.

10 (4) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Provost made under  
11 subsection (3) of this section may, within a period of 21 days from the date of  
12 the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the Board  
13 to reconsider his case.

14 PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS

15 24.-(1) The Council may, with the approval of the President, make  
16 regulations:

Power to make  
regulations

17 (a) as to the access of members of the public either generally or of a  
18 particular class, to premises under the control of the Board and as to the  
19 orderly conduct of members of the public on those premises; and

20 (b) for safeguarding any property belonging to or controlled by the  
21 Board from damage by members of the public.

22 (2) Bye-laws under this section shall not come into force until they  
23 are confirmed (with or without modification) by the National Assembly and  
24 published in such manner as he may direct.

25 25. The "Minister of Health" may give to the Council directions of  
26 a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any  
27 individual person or case) with regard to the exercise by the Board of its  
28 functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with  
29 the directions; but no direction shall be given which is inconsistent with the  
30 duties of the Board under this Bill.

Power to give  
directives

Interpretation

- 1 **26. In this Bill:**
- 2 "Council" means the Management Council of the College;
- 3 "member" means a member of the Council including the Chairman.
- 4 "Provost" means the Provost of the College so appointed under this Act.
- 5 "chairman" means the chairman of the Council;
- 6 "functions" include powers and duties;
- 7 "Federal College" means the Federal College Ngor Okpala, Imo State;
- 8 "junior staff" means staff of such grade as may be determined, from time to
- 9 time, by the Board;
- 10 "medical student" means a student whose course of instruction is:
- 11 (a) designed (either alone or in conjunction with other courses) to enable him to
- 12 qualify as a medical practitioner; or
- 13 (b) designed for the further training of medical practitioners;
- 14 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating
- 15 to health; and
- 16 "student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Council for
- 17 the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution.

Citation

- 18 **27. This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Medical**
- 19 **Laboratory Sciences Ngor Okpala, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021.**

1 SCHEDULE

2 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

3 *Terms of Service*

4 1. There may be paid to the members of the Council, any  
5 committee, other than ex-officio members, such remuneration and  
6 allowances as may be determined by the President from time to time.

7 2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified  
8 in section 3, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office  
9 for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor in office and such  
10 successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.

11 3. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its  
12 membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of  
13 a member.

14 *Proceedings*

15 4.-(1) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person  
16 on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not  
17 members of the Council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a  
18 meeting of the Council.

19 (2) The quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total  
20 members of the Council, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed  
21 by the President.

22 (3) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple  
23 majority of members.

24 *Miscellaneous*

25 5.-(1) The fixing of the Seal of the College shall be authenticated  
26 by the signature of the Chairman, Provost and some other members of the  
27 Council authorized generally or specifically by the Council to act for that  
28 purpose.

29 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a  
30 person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal

1 may be made or executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or  
2 specifically authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

3 (3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the  
4 College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved,  
5 be presumed to be so executed.

6 *Interpretation*

7 6. In this Statute, the expression "the Bill" means the Federal College  
8 of Medical Laboratory Sciences Ngor Okpala, Imo State Bill and any word or  
9 expression defined in the Bill has the same meaning in this Statute.

10 *Short Title*

11 7. This Statute may be cited as the Federal College of Medical  
12 Laboratory Sciences Ngor Okpala, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Medical Laboratory Sciences Ngor Okpala, Imo State and to provide Legal framework for due management and administration.

The passage of this Bill will provide a Federal Institution to promote Medical and Technological Sciences in Imo State and engage our restive youths.