



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

**CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
NIGERIA, 1999
(FIFTH ALTERATION) BILL, NO. 63, 2022**

A BILL
FOR
AN ACT TO ALTER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, 1999 TO MAKE FREE,
COMPULSORY AND BASIC EDUCATION A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT OF
ALL CITIZENS UNDER CHAPTER IV OF THE CONSTITUTION; AND
RELATED MATTERS

FIRST READING

TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 2019

SECOND READING

TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 2019

THIRD READING AND PASSAGE

TUESDAY, 1ST MARCH, 2022

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Arrangement of Clauses

Clause

1. Alteration of Constitution.
2. Alteration of section 18
3. Insertion of new section 45A
4. Citation

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{ } Commencement.

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

1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is altered as set out in this Bill. Alteration of Constitution.

2. Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (3), a new subsection "(3)" – Alteration of section 18

"(3) Government shall strive to eradicate illiteracy and provide qualitative education at all levels, and to this end every Government in Nigeria shall–

 - (a) provide free, compulsory and universal basic education for every child of primary and junior secondary school age;
 - (b) as and when practicable, provide –
 - (i) free senior secondary school education in its different forms, including technical and vocational education, and
 - (ii) free functional literacy programme; and
 - (c) promote access to qualitative higher education".

3. Insert, after section 45 of the Principal Act, a new section "45A"– Insertion of new section 45A

"Free, compulsory and universal basic education

45A (1) Every citizen of Nigeria is entitled to free, compulsory and universal basic education and every government in Nigeria shall provide free, compulsory and universal basic education to every child from primary to junior secondary school.

(2) It shall be the duty of every parent to ensure that his child or ward attends and completes his primary and junior secondary school education.

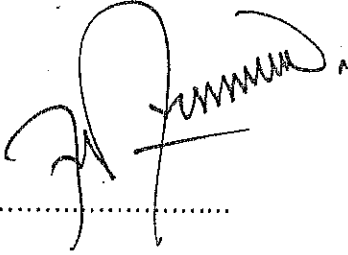
(3) Every stakeholder in education shall ensure that every parent or person who has the care and custody of a child performs the duty imposed on him under this section.

4. This Bill may be cited as the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Fifth Alteration) Bill No. 63, 2022. Citation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

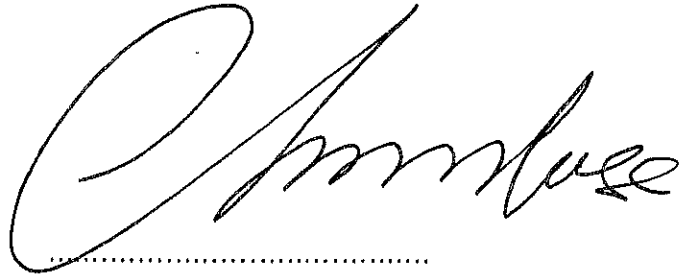
This Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make free, compulsory and basic education a fundamental right of all citizens under Chapter IV of the Constitution.

THIS BILL WAS ALTERED BY THE SENATE ON TUESDAY, 1ST MARCH, 2022



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President,

Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



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Clerk,

Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria