

HB. 191

A BILL**FOR**

**AN ACT TO MAKE IN COMPULSORY FOR ALL SCHOOLS IN NIGERIA TO
TEACH THE NATIONAL ETHICS IN THEIR SCHOOLS AND FOR
OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

Sponsors:

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HON. JULIET OBASI AKANO	HON. UCHE EKWUNIFE
HON. NNANA UZOR KALU	HON. EMEKA IHEDIOHA
HON. PEACE NNAJI	HON. STANLEY OHAJURUKA
HON. RUFUS OMEIRE	HON. SOLOMON AHWINAHWI
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HON. CHUMA NZERIBE	HON. MATHEW OMEGARA
HON. ARIBISALA ADEWALE	HON. ABASS BRAIMAH
HON. FRIDAY ITULAH	HON. EZIUCHE UBANI
HON. KALU UDUMA	HON. SAMSON OSAGIE
HON. HERMAN HEMBE	

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ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows—

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| 1 | 1. Subject to Chapter 2 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of | National |
| 2 | Nigeria, it shall be the policy of Government to ensure that the National ethics | ethics. |
| 3 | as provided for in Section 23 of the Constitution is included in the curriculum of | |
| 4 | all schools in Nigeria. | |
| 5 | 2. It shall be an offence for any person not to abide by the provisions of | Offences. |
| 6 | this act particularly as it relates to the inclusion of national ethics in the | |
| 7 | curricular of schools. | |
| 8 | 3.—(1) Every school which commits an offence under Section 1 of this | Penalties. |

1 act is guilty of an offence and punishable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding
2 ₦1,000 000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or may have
3 its operating license revoked.

4 (2) Where a school commits an offence under Section 1 of this act, any
5 officer, director or agent of the organisation who directed, authorized, assented
6 to or acquiesced or participated in the commission of the offence is a party to
7 and guilty of the offence and is liable on conviction to the punishment provided
8 for the offence, whether or not the school has been prosecuted for or convicted
9 of the offence.

10 (3) In any prosecution for an offence under Section 1, it is sufficient proof
11 of the offence to establish that it was committed by an employee or agent of the
12 accused, whether or not the employee or agent is identified or has been prosecuted
13 for the offence.

Regulations.

14 4. The Minister may subject to the approval of the President make
15 regulations generally for the carrying out of the objectives of this Act.

Inconsistent
Enactments
Repealed.

16 5. All laws, and enactments, rules or regulations inconsistent with this
17 Act are hereby repealed.

Interpretation.

18 6. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires:

19 "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
20 1999;

21 "Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for matters
22 relating to Education;

23 "National ethics" as provided in section 23 of the Constitution includes
24 discipline, integrity, dignity of labour, social justice, religious tolerance,
25 self reliance and patriotism;

26 "President" means the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed
27 Forces of Nigeria.

Citation.

28 7. This Bill may be cited as the National Ethics (Compulsory Inclusion in
29 Curriculum) Bill, 2009.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to make provisions for the mandatory teaching of the national ethics and its inclusion in all the nations' schools in line with Section 23 of the Constitution.