

LEAD DEBATE ON FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) AGHORO, BAYELSA STATE (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC) BILL, 2018 (SB. 615)

Sen. Foster Ogola (*Bayelsa West*).

Mr. President and my highly respected Colleagues, permit me to lead the debate on this very essential Bill which seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State.

The Bill was read for the First Time in this Hallowed Chamber on Wednesday, the 21st day of February, 2018

Mr. President, my Distinguished Colleagues, we all know that education is the substratum of every contemporary society. The existence of a sound and robust educational system in any country is predicated on the availability of qualified and well trained teachers to impart the required knowledge on the students. Thus, the need to have a strong system in our educational sector that shall continuously produce well qualified and trained teachers as it is obtainable in other developed countries cannot be over emphasized.

The objects of the College among others include-

- (a) to encourage the advancement of learning to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction.
- (b) to develop and offer academic, technical and professional programmes leading to the award of certificates, first degrees, post-graduate research, diploma and higher degrees with emphasis on planning, developmental and adaptive skills in Education, Engineering, Technology, Applied science, Agriculture, Commerce, Arts, Social science, Humanities, Management and Allied professional disciplines.
- (c) to produce socially mature educational men and women with capabilities not to only understand the educational and technological needs of Nigeria as a nation, but also to exploit existing Educational infrastructure and improve on them to develop new ones.
- (d) to act as agents and catalysts for effective Educational system, through post graduate training , research and innovation, for effective economic utilization and conservation of the country's human and material resources.

(e) to bring quality change in Technical Education by focusing on teacher Education, through teaching and learning innovations.

(f) to collaborate with other national and international educational institutions involved in training, research and development of Education, with a view towards promoting governance, leadership and management skills among Educational managers.

(g) to identify the educational needs of the society with a view to finding solutions to them within the context of overall national development.

(h) to provide and promote sound basic Education training as a foundation for the development of Nigeria, taking into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity.

(i) to provide higher Education and foster a systematic advancement of the science and art of teacher Education.

(j) to provide for instruction in such branches of teacher Education as it may deem necessary to make provision for research advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine.

Mr. President, my highly respected Colleagues, the enactment of this Bill will help in transforming the educational fortunes of the people of Bayelsa West Senatorial District, the Niger Delta Region and the Nigerian Nation.

The enactment of this Bill will help not only in transforming the decayed educational infrastructures in Nigeria, but also help in the development of the oil rich State. I therefore call on you my Distinguished Colleagues to consider the passage of this Bill as the people of the Bayelsa West Senatorial District are desirous for the College of Education (Technical) to be established.

In line with Order 77(3) of the Senate Standing Order 2015 as amended, a compendium of the financial implications of the establishment of the College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State is hereby attached.

I, therefore urge you all to support the Second Reading and speedy passage of this Bill.

Thank you.

**COMPENDIUM OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL)
AGHORO, BAYELSA STATE (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC) BILL, 2018 (SB. 615).**

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In compliance with Order 77(3) of the Standing Rules of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with respect to the procedure of Bills, Compendium and Consolidation, which states inter alia that "On the introduction of a Bill, a Compendium of background information and financial implications of such Bills if passed into Law shall be delivered to all Senators", the following compilation with regard to the aforementioned Bill is herewith presented for the general information of Distinguished Senators.

It is worthy of note that the compilation shown below is a summary of the anticipated recurrent and capital expenditure in the first twelve months immediately following the commencement of the Act.

FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) AGHORO, BAYELSA STATE

TOTAL ALLOCATION:	₦ 3,821,082,201
SALARY:	
SALARIES AND WAGES	800,700,652
CONSOLIDATED SALARY	572,825,800
SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION:	81,960,078
ALLOWANCES:	90,962,501
OVERHEAD/NON REGULAR ALLOWANCES:	
FOREIGN SERVICE ALLOWANCE:	49,176,047
TOTAL GOODS AND NON-PERSONAL SERVICES GENERAL	231,322,555
TRAVEL & TRANSPORT GENERAL:	352,131,210
TRAINING:	131,111,111
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:	
CONSTRUCTION/PROVISION:	472,887,312
CONSTRUCTION/PROVISION OF FIXED ASSETS - GENERAL:	420,550,735
CONSTRUCTION/PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE	617,454,200
TOTAL PERSONNEL:	1,546,449,031
TOTAL OVERHEAD:	763,740,923
TOTAL RECURRENT:	2,310,189,954
TOTAL CAPITAL:	1,510,892,247
TOTAL ALLOCATION:	₦ 3,821,082,201