

**LEAD DEBATE ON A BILL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GUMEL
(SB: 417)**

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Mr. President/Distinguished Colleagues, permit me to lead the debate of this very important Bill for the establishment of Federal College of Education, Gumel.

The Bill was read for the first time in this Hallowed Chamber on the 9th of March, 2017.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, this Bill is a bold step towards, not only addressing the educational needs of the populace but it will also serve as training ground for the development of teacher education in the country.

The objectives for which the College is established are inter alia:

- (a) To encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction.
- (b) To develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of National certificates in Education and first degrees.
- (c) To produce socially mature Educational men and women with capabilities not to only understand Educational need of Nigeria as a nation, but also to exploit existing Educational infrastructure and improve on it 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 resources.
- (e) To bring quality change in Education by focusing on teacher Education through teaching and learning innovations.

- (f) To collaborate with other national and international institutions involved in training, research and development of Education with a view to promoting governance, leadership and management skills among Educational managers.
- (g) To identify 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 Nigerian, taking into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity.
- (i) To provide higher Educational 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.
- (k) To provide teachers with operational competence for teaching in pre-tertiary institutions, basic senior secondary schools and non-formal Education institutions.
- (m) To undertake any other activities that is appropriate for a College of Education of the highest standard.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, the establishment of this College will subsume the College of Education Gumel, which the State Government has already written no objection agreement with the Education Minister.

The institution awards National Certificate in Education, (NCE) and graduate degree programme in Education in affiliation with Bayero University Kano (BUK) for the award of Bachelor of Education (B.Ed).

Mr. President and Distinguished Colleagues, the Jigawa State College of Education, being sought to be handed over to the Federal Government vide this Bill was established in 1976 by the old Kano State Government specifically to

train and turn out qualified NCE Teachers which was then needed for the development of our educational sector.

Distinguished Colleagues, the school has a total of 218 Academic staff, 30 amongst them are P.hD holders and the breakdown is as follows:

• Chief Lecturers	-	30
• Principal Lecturers	-	18
• Senior Lecturers	-	33
• Senior Lecturer I	-	47
• Lecturer II	-	53
• Lecturer III	-	23
• Asst. Lecturers	-	14

EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

- 97 Staff Quarters
- Eight (8) Lecture Theatres
- 32 Lecture rooms
- Others are sports arena, library, ICT centre, laboratories and school clinic
- The College of Education has a land area of about 1,084,500sqm

Also, the college started Degree programmes during the 2013/2014 Academic Session within affiliation to Bayero University (BUK), Kano and graduated seventy-four (74) graduates in 2015/2016 Academic Session.

Distinguished colleagues, since 1980 the school has provided conducive facility for NYSC orientation Camp for the then old Kano and present Jigawa State. Amongst the young graduates that had their orientation Camp experience in the College is our own Sen. Baba Kaka.

Mr. President and Distinguished Colleagues in compliance with order 77 (3) Senate standing order 2015, (as Amended) the Bill has no financial implication if supported and passed into Law. The Jigawa State Government and the people are willing to handover the school with the entire property and assets to the Federal Government for upgrade to Federal College of Education Gumel, and shall not be asking for any financial refund or otherwise.

I thank you most sincerely for your kind attention.