

**LEAD DEBATE ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISHED FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, OBOT AKARA, AKWA IBOM STATE, TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COURSES, TEACHING INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN TECHNOLOGY, APPLIED SCIENCES, ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND MANAGEMENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

***SPONSORED BY HON. Emmanuel Akpan***

Mr. Speaker, my Honourable Colleagues may I crave your indulgence to lead the debate on this Establishment Bill which seeks the establishment of a Federal College of Education, Obot Akara, Akwa Ibom State.

Mr. Speaker, respected Colleagues this bill is a straight forward bill that seeks the establishment of a Federal College of Education, Obot Akara, to ensure that the people of the State and Zone have access to a training Institutes where teachers are trained to in turn train our children, youths and citizens for a better society which is grounded in human and economic development.

The importance of a tertiary Institution of this nature cannot be over emphasized, as a society without trained and qualified teachers cannot produce well trained children and youths that are employable and properly tutored to become useful citizens positioned to take over the leadership position of our nation in the nearest future.

The establishment of the College will encourage education of the citizenry, promote Scholarship, conduct research in teaching field and other human endeavors to bring it to the highest standard of learning with proper and well equipped persons to the benefit and advancement of the nation. The essence of human development and educational empowerment cannot be taken for granted, thus the urgent need for establishment of training institutes like this college of Education in Obot Akara, Akwa Ibom State.

**The College when established shall have powers to.**

Provide full time courses in teaching instructions and training of teachers in technology, Applied Sciences, Arts, Social Science, Humanities and Management and in other fields of applied learning that are relevant to the need of human and economic development of Nigeria.

Provide Avenue for Conferences, Seminars and Workshops to upgrade learning and education in our society.

Encourage and make provision for researches.

- i. Hold examinations in education for qualified teachers, Hold examinations and awards National Certificate of Education (NCE), diplomas, Professional Certificates

and other distinctions to persons who have pursued studies approved and accredited by the National Commission for College of Education.

- ii. Create lectureship and other academic post and offices to make other appointment that may be necessary.
- iii. Demand and receive training fees from any students or any other person attending or undergoing training in the college for purposes of instructions and learning, such fees as the college may from time to time assess and determine subject to the overriding powers of the appropriate authority.
- iv. Received and make gifts for any charity.
- v. Enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedients for carrying into effects the objectives of the college.
- vi. Build, Provide, Maintain functional libraries, Laboratories, lecture theatres for purposes of quality learning and instructions.
- vii. Award Fellowship, Medals, Prizes, Scholarships, Bursaries and other titles.
- viii. Establish and maintain such educational recreational and residential facilities as the College may require.
- ix. To do such acts or things whether or not incidental to the foregoing power as may advance the objects of the College and advance educational pursuits in Nigeria.

**The Structure of the College is as outlined in the body of the bill.**

There shall be a governing council of the College and its membership and tenure are also outlined herein.

Conclusion. Mr. Speaker, Honorable Colleagues Contingent upon the importance of encouraging and promoting human development by producing quality teachers that will teach the pupils and students who in turn becomes employable and independent citizens of the society and contribute to the advancement of our society, this bill is therefore expedient at this auspicious time.

I, therefore urge on my respected colleagues to support this bill that it be read a second time.

Thank you for the indulgence.