

LEAD DEBATE ON THE BILL TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, DASS, BAUCHI STATE (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC) BILL, 2018 (SB. 605).

Sponsor: Senator Malam Ali Wakili, mni (Bauchi South)

Mr. President and my Distinguished Colleagues, permit me to lead the debate on this very important Bill which seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Education Dass, Bauchi State.

The Bill was read for the First Time in this Hallowed Chamber on 25th January, 2018.

Mr. President, my Distinguished Colleagues, we all know that education is the bedrock of every 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 impact the required knowledge, skills, discipline & values on the students. Thus, the need to have a strong system in the educational sector that shall continuously produce well qualified trained, disciplined, God fearing teachers.

The objectives of the Federal College of Education, Dass amongst others include:

- (a) the encouragement of the advancement of learning to all persons without distinction of ethnic extraction, religious calling, gender or political affiliation.
- (b) the development and offering of academic and professional programmes leading to the award of certificates, first degrees, post-graduate research and diploma with emphasis on planning, developmental and adaptive skills in modern education, technology, applied science, agriculture, commerce, arts, social science, humanities and management.

- (c) the production of socially mature educated men and women with capabilities not to only understand educational need of Nigeria as a nation, but also to leverage on existing educational infrastructure and improve on it with a view to develop new ones.
- (d) the production of men and women who will act as agents and catalysts for effective societal re-orientation, regeneration and growth through post graduate training, research and development.
- (e) bringing quality change in the development of education by focusing on Teacher education through teaching and learning innovations.
- (f) collaboration with other national and international institutions, agencies involved in training, research and development of education with a view to promoting good governance, honest leadership, sound management skills among educational managers.
- (g) identification of the educational needs of the society with a view to proffering solutions to them within the context of overall national development of the nation and humanity.
- (h) provision and promotion of sound basic education training as a foundation for the development of Nigeria, taking into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity; growth and development.
- (i) provision of higher education so as to foster a systematic advancement of the science and teacher education.

Distinguished Colleagues, in line with Order 77(3) of the Senate Standing Order 2015 as amended, a compendium of the financial implication of the establishment of the College is hereby attached.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, the enactment of this Bill will help not only in transforming the decayed educational

infrastructures in Nigeria, but help in the development of the hitherto neglected heroic people of Dass and Dass Emirate of Bauchi State.

Mr. President, my highly respected Colleagues, it may interest you to note that Dass is an ancient historical town and one of the six Emirates that formed the state. Sadly it is the only Emirate that has neither the State nor the Federal presence, which negates the spirit of the Constitution that provided that each component part of the Federation must be given a sense of belonging.

Distinguished Colleagues, in the foremost Bauchi Emirate where I hail from, are the Abubakar Tafawa-Balewa University and the Federal Polytechnic, Bauchi. In Katagum Emirate in the Northern Senatorial District is the State University, the Federal Medical Centre, the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps Training College, Federal Government College etc. Again in the same Northern Senatorial District is Jama'are Emirate which has the Agricultural Campus of the State University sited. In the Central Senatorial District, Misau Emirate has the Nigeria Navy Secondary School, the State College of Legal and Islamic Studies and the Law faculty of the State University. Again last but not the least, Ningi Emirate in the Central Senatorial District has the School of Health Technology and the Federal Festula Hospital.

Distinguished Colleagues in view of the numerous cries of marginalization, identity crisis, lopsidedness across the Federation it is my considered view that this Senate will reinforce the confidence the Dass people has on it by overwhelmingly supporting the passage of the Bill. Moreso that on **21st of December 2015**, I had sent a request letter on the establishment of a tertiary institution in Dass to the Honourable Minister of Education that was duly received on the **22nd of December 2015**. Subsequently vide the Honourable Minister of Education's letter No: **FME/DTE/UNI/TS/124** of **3rd February 2016**, my request was acknowledged. This my colleague is to show

the seriousness, the doggedness and determination to see to the establishment of the College in Dass.

Distinguished Colleagues, to reinforce the desire for this Bill is the collective initiative of the people of Dass whom out of frustration have to establish a private College of Education called Bilyaminu Othman College of Education. Already the School has 4 stream of students that the first set will soon graduate. Your Excellency, the community is ready to cede all the movable and immovable assets of the School with the adequate land for immediate and future usage extra-gratis.

Distinguished Senators, the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan of the Federal Government is in tandem with the provision of this proposed Bill as it is set to improve teacher quality by incentivizing performance and building capabilities and capacities.

Therefore Distinguished Colleagues, it is my prayer and ardent call on you to consider the plight of the people of Dass Emirate, their desire for the College of Education, the need for inclusion within the Nigerian State and pass this Bill for second reading. I so move and thank you for your continuous cooperation and understanding.

COMPENDIUM OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, DASS, BAUCHI STATE (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC) BILL, 2018 (SB. 605).

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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 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.

TOTAL: FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, DASS BAUCHI STATE	2,095,281,398
TOTAL ALLOCATION:	2,095,281,398
PERSONNEL COST	737,640,699
SALARY:	655,680,621
SALARIES AND WAGES	655,680,621
CONSOLIDATED SALARY	655,680,621
ALLOWANCES AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION:	81,960,078
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NON REGULAR ALLOWANCES:	32,784,031
FOREIGN SERVICE ALLOWANCE:	49,176,047
TOTAL GOODS AND NON-PERSONAL SERVICES GENERAL	131,111,111
OVERHEAD COST:	131,111,111
TRAVEL & TRANSPORT GENERAL:	131,111,111
LOCAL TRAVEL & TRANSPORT: TRAINING:	131,111,111
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:	377,777,778
CONSTRUCTION/PROVISION:	377,777,778
CONSTRUCTION/PROVISION OF FIXED ASSETS – GENERAL:	397,777,778
CONSTRUCTION/PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE	397,777,778
TOTAL PERSONNEL:	737,640,699
TOTAL OVERHEAD:	131,111,111
TOTAL RECURRENT:	848,751,810
TOTAL CAPITAL:	377,777,778
TOTAL ALLOCATION:	2,095,281,398