

LEAD DEBATE ON A BILL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION MUTUM BIYU, TARABA STATE

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Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, permit me to lead the debate of this very important Bill for the establishment of the Federal College of education, Mutum Biyu, Taraba State.

The Bill was read for the first time in this hallowed chamber on Wednesday 30th May, 2018.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, this Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Education, Mutum Biyu, Taraba State and to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration.

Mr. President and my Distinguished Colleagues, we all know that education is the bedrock of every modern 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.

Taraba State is one of the disadvantaged States in terms of education nationally. Hence there is 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 climes cannot be over emphasized.

If established, it will create more access, affordable, better and enhanced education in Taraba State and beyond; and to also create more access to higher education in view of large number of qualified candidates who are annually stranded in their failed attempt in gaining admission into higher institutions in the North-Eastern region of the country.

The objectives of the College of Education shall be to,

- a. Provide full-time or part time courses of instruction and training –
 - i. in technology, applied science, commerce and management; and
 - ii. in such other fields of applied learning relevant to needs of the development of Nigeria in the area of industrial and agricultural production, distribution and for research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine.
- b. Arrange conferences, seminars and study groups relative to the fields of learning specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection (i).
- c. Perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the College.
- d. Encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in fields of teaching, learning in all field of human endeavors.
- e. The constitution relate its activities in consideration of social, cultural, religious and economic need of the people.
- f. Establish internally accepted standard of Federal college of Education worldwide.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, this Bill if passed into law will give the College the needed law for modern academic and research institution. The objective of the College as enumerated above are supportive of its mission and broad vision of a modern institution that will develop world class human resources that can sustainably manage our nation's education by providing educational and management expertise at the highest level.

Mr. President, my Distinguished Colleagues, the economic development and progress of any nation depends to a large extent on its human capital, and the perimeter of measuring human capital is dependent on its quality of education a citizen possesses. In view of this, we must get the foundation right by producing the required teachers by creating, reliable, qualitative affordable education to all

who want to be teachers and that will be achieved by supporting this Bill.

It's my strong believe that developing an international reputation for excellence in the field of education require a Federal College of Education that is focused and committed to a teaching and research in all discipline. The College like its counterparts in other parts of the world, is envisioned as multidisciplinary space for education, research, harnessing science and innovation to tackle educational challenge bedeviling the nation, in particular Taraba State.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, enactment of this Bill into Law will help in transforming the educational fortunes in Nigeria and specifically Taraba State, will produce the desired manpower and expertise that Nigeria is yearning for.

In line with our Senate Order 77(3), the Compendium of financial implication is hereby attached.

I urge you all to support this Bill for the second reading to improve the standard of education future of our dear nation.

Thank You.

COMPENDIUM OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ON THE BILL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MUTUM BIYU, TARABA STATE AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

In compliance with Order 77(3) of the Standing Orders of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, below is a summary of the anticipated recurrent and capital expenditure on the first twelve months immediately following the commencement of this Act.

TOTAL PROJECTS/ESTIMATES FOR THE RECURRENT AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE COLLEGE IN THE FIRST TWELVE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT

1.	Project Recurrent Expenditure (Salaries and Allowances of Personnel)	₦ 900,000,000.00
2.	Projected Recurrent Expenditure (Overhead) (Maintenance Management Cost of Office and other Contingency)	₦ 1,000,000,000.00
3.	Estimated Capital Expenditure (Office Accommodation, furniture etc.)	₦ 3,000,000,000.00
Total	Total Project/ Estimated Cost for First year of commencement of the college	₦ 4,900,000,000.00

The above compilation proffers a fair approximate of the financial implications for the establishment of the college in the first year immediately following commencement.