

LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGY ACT, CAP. N116, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Hon. Obinna Chidoka

Rt. Hon. Speaker, Hon. members, I solicit for your support for the Second Reading of the Bill that seeks to amend the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology Act in order to strengthen the Institute to carry out its functions under the enabling Act.

The Institute, which is based in Zaria, Kaduna State is charged with the responsibility of providing professional training for middle cadre managers in the areas of transport and logistics and also conduct research and offer consultancy services to both public and private transport and logistics organizations.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, Hon. members, this Bill seeks to amend the enabling Act of the Institute in order to bring it in conformity with the current trend in drafting which emphasizes the use of plain language and active voice.

The Bill seeks to amend Section 3(1) of the Act by substituting for the words "the council shall consist of a Chairman to be appointed by the President, and the following other members" with the words "the President shall appoint for the Council a Chairman and the following members". The aim is to comply with the modern trend that emphasizes legislation speaking in the active rather the passive voice.

Also Section 3(1)(j) is being amended by deleting the words "Airways Limited" and replacing with the words "Aviation Industry". This is in view of the fact that the Nigerian Airways Limited which had a representative in the Council is now defunct. The representation is now being transferred to the Aviation industry in general.

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I therefore seek for your support to allow the Second Reading of this Bill.

Thank you.