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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A BILL FOR AN
ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) AGHORO, BAYELSA
STATE 2018.**

(SB. 615)

May, 2019

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INTRODUCTION:

Mr. President you may wish to recall that the Senate at its sitting on Wednesday, 30th May, 2018 referred the above Bill to the Committee for further legislative input and the Bill was sponsored by Senator Foster Ogola. Consequently, the Committee held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, 14th May, 2019 to get public and stakeholders input.

The Committee as well as the participants agreed with the intentions of the Bill. Participants were all in agreement that the establishment of the Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State will facilitate educational and technical development of the state, particularly in the development of middle level manpower for primary and secondary schools.

COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS:

The Committee found out that Bayelsa State does not have a Federal College of Education. The Bill is therefore proposing the establishment of Federal College of Education Aghoro, to address this challenge. The establishment of the institution will assist in addressing the shortage of teachers in the country, reduce unemployment, improve the livelihood of the people and also play a vital role in human and economic development of the State.

Also, Aghoro Community is prepared to make available a sufficient expense of land to accommodate the proposed Federal College of Education, Aghoro.

The Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro Bill is divided into 31 sections in three (3) parts and contains one Schedule.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

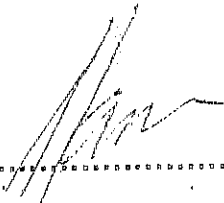
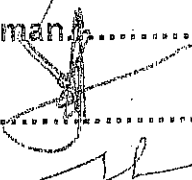
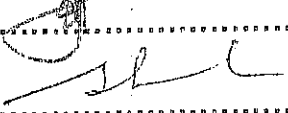
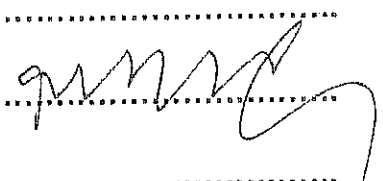
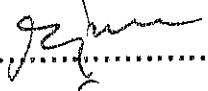
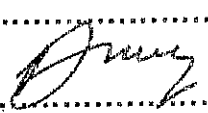
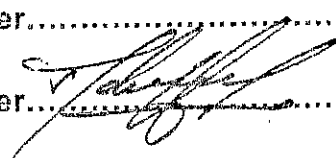
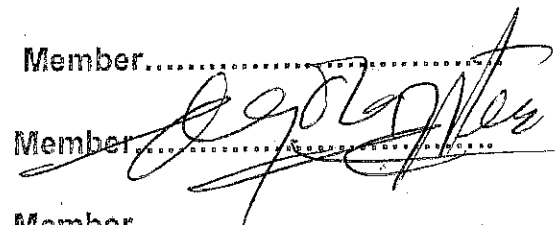
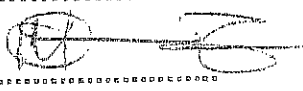
The Committee recommends as follows

- (i) Sections 1 – 30 should be retained as in the bill
- (ii) The Long and Short Titles of the bill should be retained and
- (iii) The Schedule of the bill should be retained

CONCLUSION:

The Committee recommends that the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria do approve its recommendations accordingly. The establishment of this institution will help in producing the desire manpower and expertise needed for the teaching profession. The Committee wishes to express its profound gratitude to the entire Senate for its usual support.

SIGNATURE

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19. Sen. Foster Ogola	-	Member.....	
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**A BILL
FOR**

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) AGHORO, BAYELSA STATE BILL, 2018 (SB 615);
AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH**

SPONSOR: SENATOR FOSTER OGOLA (BAYELSA WEST)

[] Commencement

Enacted by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

Part I – Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State

PROPOSED BILL	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	REMARK
Long Title: A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education(Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State and for other Matters Connected therewith.	Long Title: A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State ; and for other Matters Connected therewith.	
1. Establishment and Objectives of the Federal College of Education (1) There is hereby Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as is conferred on it by this Act. (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to acquire and dispose of interests in movable and immovable property and may sue and be sued in its corporate name. (3) The College shall be a training institution for the development of teacher Education in the country. (4) The College shall be supervised by the Federal Ministry of Education through the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) who shall be responsible for approving and regulating all academic programmes run in the College, to ensure quality compliance and provide funds for academic and research programmes, infrastructures and remunerations of employees. (5) The objects of the College shall be: (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 certificates, first degrees, post-graduate degrees, diploma and higher degrees with	Retained as in the Bill	

commerce, arts, social science, humanities, management and allied professional disciplines. (c) to bring quality change in Education by focusing on teacher Education through teaching and learning innovations. (d) 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. (e) to provide and promote sound basic Education training as a foundation for the development of Nigeria, taking into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity. (f) to provide higher Education and foster a systematic advancement of the science and art of teacher Education. (g) to provide teachers with operational competence for teaching in pre-tertiary institutions, basic, senior secondary schools and non-formal Education institutions. (h) to undertake any other activities that is appropriate for a College of Education of the highest standard.		
2. Functions of the College The functions of the College shall be: (a) To provide full-time and part-time courses in teaching, instruction and training to produce middle and high level teachers: (i) in technology, sciences/applied sciences, commerce, arts, social sciences, humanities and management, and (ii) in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria in the areas of industrial and agricultural production and distribution and for research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine; (b) To conduct courses in education for qualified teachers; (c) To arrange conferences, seminars, inaugural lectures and workshops relative to the fields of learning specified in paragraph (a) of this section; and (d) To perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the College.	Retained as in the Bill	
3. Governing Council of College (1) The governance of the College and the direction of its affairs shall vest in the Governing Council of the College (hereafter in this Act referred to as "the Council"). (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section, it shall be the responsibility of the Council to consider and approve: (a) the plan of activities of the College; (b) the programme of studies, courses and research to be undertaken by the College; (c) the annual estimates of the College, and (d) the investment plans of the College. (3) The provisions of Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the Council as specified therein.	Retained as in the Bill	

4. Membership of the Governing Council (1) The Council shall consist of a Chairman, to be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and the following other members: (a) the Hon. Minister of Education or his Representative; (b) four persons of note in the areas of Sciences and of Technology, at least one of whom shall be a woman, to be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces; (c) a elected Representative of the Alumni Association of the College; (d) two elected representative of the Academic Board and the congregation of the College (one each). (e) The Provost of the College; (f) the Registrar shall be a Secretary (g) two members who are handicapped.	Retained as in the Bill	
5. Tenure of Council Members (1) A member of the Council shall hold office for a term of four years and, subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of four years. (2) The office of a member appointed under sections 4 (1) (d) and 4 (2) (d) of this Act shall become vacant if : (a) the member resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the Minister; or (b) the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the College for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect.	Retained as in the Bill	
6. Power of the Governing Council (1) For the carrying out of the functions of the College, the Council shall have power to : (a) hold examinations and award diplomas, professional certificates, Degrees and other distinctions of the College, to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the Council and who have satisfied such other requirements as the Council as accredited by NCCE (b) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the College for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Council may, with the prior approval of NCCE from time to time determine; (c) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and bookselling; (d) make gifts for any charitable purpose; (e) hold examinations in education for qualified teachers; (f) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the welfare of the staff of the College; (g) invest the funds of the College in securities specified by law or in such other securities in Nigeria as may be approved by the NCCE; (h) borrow money within Nigeria in such manner and upon such security as the NCCE may from time to time authorize; (i) recruit staff of the right caliber and determine the career structure of such staff; (j) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units within the College or extramural departments as the Council may from time to time decide;	Retained as in the Bill	

(k) provide such courses of instruction either alone or in association with other institutions whether in Nigeria or not as the Council may determine approve; (l) institute and award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles; (m) mount exhibitions and displays designed to foster an appreciation of trends in the scope and requirements of education; (n) erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational and residential facilities as the College may require; (o) create lecturerships and other academic posts and offices and to make appointments thereto; (p) encourage and make provision for research and research grant in the College, and (q) do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the College. (r) the President and Commander-in-chief shall be the visitor to College; (i) The Minister shall arrange visitation every 4 years on behalf of the visitor. (2) The power of the Council to establish further schools within the College shall be exercisable by order and not otherwise.	Retained as in the Bill	
7. The Academic Board and its functions (1) There shall be established for the College a Board to be known as the Academic Board, which shall consist of the following members: (a) the Provost of the College, who shall be the Chairman; (b) all Heads of Academic Units; (c) the College Librarian, and (d) not more than two members of the academic staff Congregation, other than Heads of Department to be appointed by the congregation. (e) Deputy Provosts, Deans, Academic Directors/Coordinators, All Chief lecturers with Ph.D/Professors. (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for: (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates, scholarships, teaching and research, prizes and other academic distinctions; (b) making periodic reports on such academic matters to the Council, and (c) discharging any other functions which the Council may from time to time delegate to it.	Retained as in the Bill	
8. Establishment of Management Committee (a)(i) There shall be a Management Committee made up of all the Principal Officers of the College, all Deans and Directors in the College; (ii) the Provost shall be the Chairman of the Management Committee; and (iii) the Management Committee shall meet at least once in a month to discuss and take decisions on matters of general interest to the College.	Retained as in the Bill	
9. Establishment of School/Departmental Board (a) (i) There shall be a School Board for each school in the College of Education made up of all the Academic Staff in that School;	Retained as in the Bill	

(ii) the School Board deal with academic matters and any other matter of interest to the School or any matter assigned to it by the Council, the Provost or the Academic Board; (iii) The Dean shall be the Chairman of the School Board; and (iv) The Dean shall be elected from among the Academic Staff not below the rank of Chief Lecturer in that School for a tenure of three years and not immediately renewable. (b)(i) There shall be a Departmental Board for each Department in the College of Education made up of all the Academic Staff in that department; (ii) The Departmental Board shall deal with academic matters and any other matter of interest to the Department; (iii) The Head of Department shall be chairman of the Departmental Board; and (iv) The Head of Department shall be elected from among the Academic staff not below the rank of Senior Lecturer in that department for a tenure of three years and not immediately renewable. (c) Where there is no qualified candidate for the position of Dean or Head of Department, the Provost shall appoint an Acting Dean not below the rank of Senior Lecturer or Acting Head of Department not below the rank of Lecturer I for a period of one year in the first instance and renewable once and no more. (d) Nothing in this Act shall prevent the management Committee and Boards from making supplementary rules to guide their proceedings provided such rules are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.		
10. Establishment of the Congregation There shall be for the College of Education, a Congregation made of both Academic and Senior Non-Teaching staff, who holds at least a first degree or its equivalent: (a) The Provost shall be the Chairman of the Congregation; and (b) The Congregation shall meet at least once in a year.	Retained as in the Bill	
11. Power of Minister over Council Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Minister may give to the Council directives of a general character or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions under this Act, and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directives.	Retained as in the Bill	
12. Office of Provost (1) (There shall be a Provost of the College (in his Act referred to as "The Provost who shall be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces in accordance with the provisions of this section. (2) Where vacancy occurs in the post of Provost, the Council shall: (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying: (i) The qualifications of the person who may apply for the post, and (ii) The terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration; (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of:- (i) A member of Council, not being a member of the Academic Board, as Chairman.	Retained as in the Bill	

(ii) Two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer/Professor; (iii) Two members of the academic community of the college not below the rank of Principal Lecturer/Associate Professor/ Reader and not members of Academic Board to be selected by the Academic Staff Congregation. To identify and draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post for any reason whatsoever. (3) A Joint Council and Academic Board Selection Committee consisting of:- (a) The Chairman of the Council; (b) Two members of the Council, not being members of the Academic Board; and (c) Two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer/Professor, who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons on the shortlists drawn up under subsection (2) of this section through an examination of heir curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend, through the Council, to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, three candidates for his consideration. (4) The President, commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section. (5) Subject to this Act and the general control of the Council, the Provost shall be the chief executive of the College and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management operations of the College.		
13. Tenure of and Procedure for the removal of Provost (1) The Provost shall hold office for a period of 5 years only beginning with the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment. (2) Where on the commencement of this section a Provost appointed before the commencement of this section has held office. (a) For less than five years, he shall be deemed to be serving his 5 years single tenure and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of four years. (b) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to completed his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as Provost for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College. (c) For more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as Provost to complete his second term and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College. (3) (a) The Provost may be removed from office by the Visitor on grounds of gross misconduct of inability to discharge the functions of his office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind after due consultation with the Council and the Academic Board acting through the Minister of Education. (b) when the proposal for the removal of the Provost is made, the Council shall constitute a joint committee of Council and Academic Board consisting of:- (i) three members of the Council one of whom shall be the chairman of the Committee, and (ii) Two members of Academic Board, provided that where the ground for the removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.	Retained as in the Bill	

(c) The committee shall conduct investigation into the allegations made against the Provost and shall report its findings to the Council. (d) The Council shall where the allegations are proved inform the Visitor who shall remove the Provost. (e) There shall be no sole administrator in any Nigerian College of Education. (f) In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Provost, the Council shall appoint an acting Provost on the recommendation of the Academic Board. (g) An acting Provost in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than 6 months.		
14. Office of the Deputy Provost and Functions, Tenure and Procedure of Removal (1) There shall be for the College Deputy Provosts. (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost from among the Chief Lecturers in the college in one of the following ways; that is- (a) From a list of three candidates, in order of preference, submitted by the Provost; or (b) On the nomination of one candidate by the Academic Board through election. (3) The Deputy Provost shall:- (a) assist the Provost in the performance of his functions; (b) act in the place of the Provost when the post of the Provost is vacant or if the Provost is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Provost; and (c) Perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him. (4) The Deputy Provost- (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and (b) may be re-appointed for the further period of two years and no more; (c) A Deputy Provost may be removed from office for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendation of the Provost and Academic board; (d) "Good cause" for the purpose of this section means gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office arising from infirmity of body or mind	Retained as in the Bill	
15. Other Principal Officers (1) There shall be for the college, the following principal officers, in addition to the Provost and Deputy Provost, that is- (a) the Registrar (b) the Bursar; and (c) the College Librarian Who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 12 (3)	Retained as in the Bill	
16. Functions of Registrar and Tenure (1) The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the council and shall perform such other duties as the council subject thereto as the Provost may from time to time direct. (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to the other duties conferred on him by or under this Act, be a Secretary to the Council; Secretary to Academic Board and any committee of the Council and in his	Retained as in the Bill	

absence, the Council or any such committee may appoint some other persons to act as Secretary. The Registrar shall not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum. 3) (a) A Registrar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment. (b) Where on the commencement of this section a Registrar appointed before the commencement of this section has held office: (i) For less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of five years. (ii) For more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College. (iii) For more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.		
17. Functions of Bursar and Tenure (1) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College and be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control of financial affairs of the college. (2) (a) A Bursar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment. (b) Where on the commencement of this section a Bursar appointed before the commencement of this section has held office- (i) For less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term five years. (ii) For more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, The Council may allow him to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College. (iii) For more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, The Council may allow him to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.	Retained as in the Bill	
18. Functions of College Librarian and Tenure (1) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the College Library and co-ordination of the Library services in the teaching units of the College. (2) (a) A College Librarian shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment. (b) Where on the commencement of this section a College Librarian appointed before the commencement of this section has held office- (i) For less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his appointment for a further term of five years.	Retained as in the Bill	

(ii) for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as College Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College. (iii) for more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his second term, the Council may allow him to serve as College Librarian to complete his second term and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.		
19. How a principal Officer can resign (1) (1) A Principal Officer may resign his appointment- (a) in the case of the Provost, by notice to the Visitor; (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council	Retained as in the Bill	
20. Procedure for appointment of Registrar, College Librarian and Bursar (1) (a) There shall be for the College, a Selection Board which shall consists of – (i) The Chairman of the Council' (ii) The Provost (iii) Four members of the Council not being members of Academic Board; and (iv) Two members of Academic Board (b) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under subsection (i) of this section shall be as the Council may determine from time to time.	Retained as in the Bill	
21. Appointment of other staff of the College that are not Principal officers (1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Provost and the Principal Officers of the College in the performance of their functions under this Act. (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with appropriate authorities. (3) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the council may determine to assist the Provost in the exercise of his functions under this Act.	Retained as in the Bill	
22. Remuneration of Provost and other employees The remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the Provost and other employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council, in consultation with the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation/Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission, National Salaries, National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission.	Retained as in the Bill	
23. Pension Act Provisions (1) It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Act and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College, except Principal Officers shall, in respect of their service in the College, be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, so however that nothing in this Act shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.	Retained as in the Bill	

(2) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Act, any power exercisable there under by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation (other than the power to make regulations under section 23 thereof) shall be exercisable by the College and not by any other person or authority.		
Part II - Financial Provisions		
24. Establishment of College of Education Fund (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Act; (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under subsection (1) of this section: (a) Such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Council by the Government of the Federation; (b) All monies raised for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts, grants-in-aid or testamentary disposition, and (c) All subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source. (3) The Council shall submit to the Minister, not later than 3 months before the end of each financial year or at least at such other time as he may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the succeeding financial year.	Retained as in the Bill	
25. Power to accept gifts (1) The Council may accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person making the gift. (2) The Council shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Council.	Retained as in the Bill	
26. Accounts and Audit The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited.	Retained as in the Bill	
27. Annual Reports of Operations, Finance & Audit The Council shall as soon as may it be after the expiration of each financial year prepare and submit to the Minister, through NCCE a report of its activities during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the College for that year and of the auditor's report on the accounts.	Retained as in the Bill	
Part III - Miscellaneous and Supplementary		
28. Offices and premises. (1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council may: (a) Purchase any interest in or take on lease any land, and (b) Build, equip and maintain offices and premises.	Retained as in the Bill	

(10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council shall be final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the student.		
30. Interpretation In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires- “ Chairman ” means the Chairman of the Council; “ College ” means any of the Federal College of Education specified in Schedule 1 to this Act and “ Council ” means the Governing Council of the College established by or pursuant to section 1 of this Act; “ Provost ” means the Provost of a College appointed under section 9 of this Act; “ function ” includes powers and duties; “ Minister ” means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to education; “ member ” means a member of the Council including the Chairman.		
31. Short title This Act may be cited as the Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State, 2018.	Retained as in the Bill	
SCHEDULE Section 3 (3) SCHEDULE I SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC Terms of Service	Retained as in the Bill	
Remuneration of Council Members		
1. There may be paid to the members of the Council or any Committee, such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.	Retained as in the Bill	
Vacancy of Council Seat		
2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in section 4 (2) (d), it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold offices for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor.	Retained as in the Bill	
3. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.	Retained as in the Bill	
Proceedings		
4. (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, places and on such days as the Chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than once in every three months. (2) The Chairman may at any time and shall, at the request in writing of not less than 6 members, convene a meeting of the Council. (3) At any meeting of the Council the Chairman shall preside; but in his absence, members present shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting. (4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not members of the Council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Council. (5) The quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members of the Council at least one of whom	Retained as in the Bill	

shall be a member appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. (6) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple majority of members.		
Miscellaneous		
5 (1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, Provost and some other members of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose. (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made and executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council. (3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.	Retained as in the Bill	
<u>EXPLANATORY NOTE</u> (This note does not form part of the above Act, but is intended to explain its purport) This Act establishes the Federal College of Education (Technical) Aghoro, Bayelsa State . The functions of the College, amongst other things are: (a) To provide full-time and part-time courses in teaching, instruction and training to produce middle and high level teachers in technology, applied sciences, commerce, arts, social sciences, humanities, Law and management; (b) Carry out research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may, from time to time, determine. The Act also provides for the appointment of a Provost to be the Chief executive of the College, Principal Officers and other members of staff. Other provisions relate to the discipline of students, finances, pensions of staff and supplementary matters: schedule 1 to the Act prescribes the terms of service of members of the Council and proceedings thereof.	Retained as in the Bill	