

REPORT OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI ACT, CAP. U10, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO SPECIFY THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ACTION NOTICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2019 (HB. 1107).

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria –

PROVISION OF BILL	COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION	REMARK
Amendment of Cap. U10, LFN, 2004. 1. The University of Maiduguri Act Cap. U10 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.	Retained	
Amendment of section 5. 2. Section 5 (a) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the word, "Pro-Chancellor", the words, "who shall possess a minimum of a University Degree and must be medically fit to perform the function of a Chairman".	Retained	
Insertion of subsection 5 (b). 3. Insert an additional subsection 5 (b) as follows: "(b) without prejudice to the provision of section 5 (a) the appointing authority may appoint any person to the position of the Pro-Chancellor who, in his opinion, is capable of contributing to the development of the University"	Retained	
Amendment of section 10. 4. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new sub section 9 "(2A)" to read thus: Section 9 "(2A) The University shall provide a framework for the creation, ownership and protection of intellectual property products and services".	Retained	
Insertion of new section 18A. 5. The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section "18A": "18A. Pre-Action Notice. (1) Any person intending to commence an action against the University shall give one month notice to the	Retained	

University through the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar or by sending it by registered post, electronic mail or any other legally recognized digital form of communication in Nigeria. The notice shall include the following: (a) cause of action; (b) particulars of claim or the grievance sought to be redressed; (c) name, particulars and official address of the intending plaintiff; and (d) the relief sought. (3) A new subsection 18B to read thus: If no settlement is arrived at after the period of the notice referred to in section 18A above, either party may refer the matter for a decision by means of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).		
Amendment of Article 8. 6. Article 8 (1) of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by deleting the words, "after which he may not be elected again until two years have elapsed" in line 3, and inserting the words, "and no more"	Retained	
Citation 7. This Bill may be cited as the University of Maiduguri Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019.	Retained	
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM This Bill seeks to amend the University of Maiduguri Act, Cap.U10, laws of the Federation of Nigeria by specifying the minimum qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, ownership of intellectual property and providing for pre-action notice to the University authority from an aggrieved staff or student.	Retained	