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# REPORT ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD ACT AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREOF, 2016 (SB. 245)

11TH OCTOBER, 2016

# SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

*Committee on Tertiary Institutions and Tetfund*

**REPORT ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD ACT AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREOF, 2016 (SB.245) REFERED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEEON TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND TETFUND.**

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

On Wednesday 1st June 2016 the Senate of Federal Republic at its sitting read JAMB Amendment bill 2016 (SB.245) the second time and referred same to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and Tetfund. The purpose of the bill is to amend the JAMB Act to increase validity period of JAMB examination from One (1) academic year to three (3) academic years.

## 2.0 COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION

The Committee in considering the Bill made reference to Votes and Proceedings and Verbatim reports of Wednesday 2nd March 2016, particularly to the contributions of Members regarding the financial hardship experienced yearly by parents/guardians in sponsoring the candidates for JAMB examination.

## 3.0 COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee recommends as follows:

(i) Section 5(b), (c), (d), (e), be returned as amended;
(ii) Section 6(newly inserted) be returned as amended;
(iii) Section 5(b), (c), (d), (e), 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the Principal Act be returned as 5(c),(d),(e),(f), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 and retained as amended;

(iv) The short title be retained as amended.

This Bill may be cited as the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board Act (Amendment) Bill 2016.

## 4.0 CONCLUSION

The Committee recommends that the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria do approve its recommendations accordingly.

The Committee wishes to express its profound gratitude to the entire Senate for its usual support and accordingly urge the Senate to give this Bill quick passage.

SIGNATURE

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| 17. | **Sen. Binta Masi Garba** | - | Member ---------- |

**Mrs. Ngozi Nkemdirim** - **Committee Clerk** ----------

# A BILL

# FOR

# AN ACT TO AMEND THE JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD ACT; AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THERWITH

**Sponsored by Senator Joshua Lidani**

| PRINCIPAL ACT | COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | REMARKS |
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| **1. Establishment of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board**<br>There is hereby established a body to be known as the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (in this Act referred to as "the Board") which shall be a Body Corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name. | The Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board Act (in this Bill referred to as the Principal Act), is hereby amended as set out in this Bill. | |
| **2.**<br>**5 Functions of the Board**<br>1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment, the Board shall be responsible for-<br>(a) the general control of the conduct of matriculation examinations for admissions into all Universities, Polytechnics (by whatever name called) and Colleges of Education (by whatever name called) in Nigeria;<br>(b) the appointment of examiners, moderators, invigilators, members of subject panels and committees and other persons with respect to matriculation examinations and any other matters incidental thereto or connected therewith;<br>(c) the placement of suitably qualified candidates in the tertiary institutions having taken into account-<br>(i) the vacancies available in each tertiary institution;<br>(ii) the guidelines approved for each tertiary institution by its proprietor or other competent authority;<br>(iii) the preferences expressed or otherwise indicated by candidates for certain tertiary institutions and courses; and<br>(iv) such other matters as the Board may be directed by the Minister to consider, or the Board itself may consider appropriate in the circumstances; | A new subsection (b) is inserted after subsection (a) of section 5 as follows:<br>"5(b) the Matriculations Examinations conducted by the Board shall be the sole examinations required for admission and entry into all Universities, Polytechnics (by whatever name called) and Colleges of Education (by whatever name called), to the exclusion of any other institution or body"<br>(c) the appointment of examiners, moderators, invigilators, members of subject panels and committees and other persons with respect to matriculation examinations and any other matters incidental | Retained with few amendments |

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| (d) the collection and dissemination of information on all matters relating to admissions into tertiary institutions or to any other matter relevant to the discharge of the functions of the Board under this Act, and<br>(e) the carrying out of such other activities as are necessary or expedient for the full discharge of all or any of the functions conferred on it under or pursuant to this Act. | thereto or connected therewith;<br>(d) the placement of suitably qualified candidates in the tertiary institutions having taken into account-<br>(i) the vacancies available in each tertiary institution;<br>(ii) the guidelines approved for each tertiary institution by its proprietor or other competent authority;<br>(iii) the preferences expressed or otherwise indicated by candidates for certain tertiary institutions and courses; and<br>(iv) such other matters as the Board may be directed by the Minister to consider, or the Board itself may consider appropriate in the circumstances;<br>(e) the collection and dissemination of information on all matters relating to admissions into tertiary institutions or to any other matter relevant to the discharge of the functions of the Board under this Act, and<br>(f) the carrying out of such other activities as are necessary or expedient for the full discharge of all or any of the functions conferred on it under or pursuant to this Act. | |
| 3.<br>**6 Power of the Minister to give directives**<br>Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Minister may give the Board directives of a general character or relating generally to particular matters with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions under this Act and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with such directives. | A new Section 6 is inserted after Section 5 of the Principal Act as follows:<br>**Validity of Section 6:**<br>"6. (i) Any examination conducted by the Board pursuant to the powers | |

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| | conferred by this Act shall be valid for a period of three academic years from the date of the examination;<br>(ii) A candidate meeting the requirements for admission and being duly qualified shall remain so qualified for the period prescribed in subsection (1) of this section;<br>(iii) A candidate awaiting admission shall be given preference in the succeeding year over fresh applicants who shall only become eligible when the backlog has been cleared. | |
| **4.** Renumbering of existing Sections | Sections 5(b) (c) (d) (e), 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the principal Act is amended by being re-numbered as Sections 5 (c) (d) (e) (f), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. | |
| **5.**<br>**19. Short title**<br>This Act may be cited as the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act. | **Citation:**<br>This Act may be cited as the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act (Amendment) Bill 2016. | Amended by re-numbering |