

## OVERVIEW OF 9<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS ON YOUTHS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD) ISSUES



### INTRODUCTION

This document gives an overview of bills proposed in the 9th National Assembly (NASS) dealing directly with issues concerning youths and persons with disabilities (PWD). This is based on PLAC's tracking of the progress of legislative bills in the National Assembly.

At the end of the 9th Assembly, PLAC found that an \*estimated total of 3,548 Bills were introduced in both Houses, with about 1,280 Bills introduced in the Senate and about 2,268 Bills introduced in the House of Representatives.

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*\*At the valedictory session of the 9th Senate, the President of the Senate disclosed that as of 10 June 2023, over 1,129 Bills were presented on the floor of the Senate. A Legacy Report on the 9th Senate by the National Institute for Legislative & Democratic Studies (NILDS) reports a lower figure, i.e., 951 Bills presented in the Senate. On the other hand, the House of Representatives valedictory session disclosed that the House processed 2,232 bills. A breakdown of the thematic focus of these bills was not presented by either chamber.*



In this factsheet, PLAC extracts the titles and status of bills concerning youths and PWDs for awareness purposes. The bills' objectives are captured but areas indicated "N/A" means not available. This is mostly due to the unavailability of the official gazettes of the bills in question (usually first reading bills).

## SUMMARY

The table below shows a breakdown of bills targeted at youths and persons with disabilities introduced and processed by the 9th Assembly.

Youth Bills Introduced in the Senate	First Reading Stage	Passed
12	7	5

Youth Bills Introduced in the House of Representatives	First Reading Stage	Terminated at Second Reading Stage	Consolidated Bills	Passed
23	8	2	9	4

Disability Inclusion Bills Introduced in the Senate	Terminated at First Reading Stage	Terminated at Committee Stage
2	1	1

Disability Inclusion Bills Introduced in the House of Representatives	Terminated at First Reading Stage	Terminated at Second Reading Stage	Withdrawn	Passed
6	1	3	1	1

## DETAILS OF BILLS ON YOUTH ISSUES INTRODUCED AND PROCESSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### SENATE

S/N	BILL TITLE	BILL OBJECTIVES	BILL SPONSOR(S)	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	COMMITTEE REFERRAL	THIRD READING	REMARK
1.	SB 686: National Youth Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021	N/A	Sen. Yusuf Abubakar Yusuf	14/03/2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.
2.	SB 865: Federal Vocational and Skill Acquisition College Ota, Ogun State Bill, 2021	N/A	Sen. Odebiyi Tolulope	24/11/2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.
3.	SB 1006: Students Financial Aids Scheme (Est.) Bill 2022	To provide a framework for education financing and for Related Matters.	Sen. Umar Suleiman Sadiq	11/05/2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.
4.	SB 609: Students Financial Aids Scheme (Establishment) Bill, 2020	N/A	Sen. Ibikunle Oyelaja Amosun	16/12/2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.
5.	SB 268: National Sports Development Fund (Est. etc.) Bill, 2019	N/A	Sen. Obinna Joseph Ogba	12/12/2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.

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6.	SB 63: National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021	N/A	Sen. Stella Oduah	17/02/2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.
7.	SB 491: Federal Scholarship Board (Est. etc) Bill, 2020	N/A	Sen. Stella Oduah	23/07/2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.
8.	SB 77: Sexual Harassment of Students in Tertiary Educational Institutions (Prohibition) Bill, 2020	To make comprehensive provisions for the prohibition and punishment of sexual harassment of students by educators in tertiary educational institutions; and for Related Matters.	Sen. Ovie Augustine Omo-Agege	9/10/2019	8/11/2019	Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	Bill Passed 7/7/2020	Transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence.
9.	SB 966: Nigeria Start-up Bill, 2022	To harness the potential of the digital economy by providing a regulatory framework for technology-enabled start-ups in the country and for Related Matters.	Executive	23/03/2022	29/03/2022	Committee on ICT and Cybersecurity	Bill Passed 20/07/2022	Transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence  Presidential Assent 19/10/2022

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10.	SB 1078: National Social Investment Programmes (Est.) Bill, 2022	To establish the National Social Investment Programme Agency under the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development responsible for providing a legal and institutional framework for the management and implementation of National Social Investment Programmes (NSIP) and for Related Matters.	Executive	N/A	06/12/2022	Committee on Special Duties	Bill Passed 29/03/2023	Presidential Assent 22/05/2023
11.	SB 138: Federal University of Sports (Est. etc.) Bill, 2019	N/A	Sen. Obinna Joseph Ogba	5/11/2019	19/05/2021	Committee on Sports and Youth Development.	Bill Passed 07/12/2021	
12.	SB 202: National Sports Commission (Est. etc.) Bill, 2019	N/A	Sen. Obinna Joseph Ogba	26/11/2019	10/12/2020	Committee on Sports and Youth Development.	Bill Passed 07/12/2021	

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILLS

S/N	BILL TITLE	BILL OBJECTIVES	BILL SPONSOR(S)	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	COMMITTEE REFERRAL	THIRD READING	REMARKS
1	HB 346: Nigerian Unemployment Graduate Fund Bill, 2019	To set up a Fund and Board of Trustees charged with the responsibility to manage, administer and provide stipends/ allowance relief to unemployed Nigerian graduate and for Related Matters.	Hon. Umeoji Chukwuma Michael	26/09/2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.
2	HB 606: National Youths Welfare Scheme Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2019	The Bill seeks to establish the National Youths Welfare Scheme Fund to manage and co-ordinate the welfare of unemployed youths to reduce challenges of governance and security in Nigeria and for Related Matters.	Hon. Tajudeen Abbas	17/12/2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.  A bill with the same title and sponsor but different bill number (HB 113) also did not go beyond first reading.
3	HB 150: Students Union Activities (Control and Regulation) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019	The Bill seeks to regulate the various activities of Student Unions in various Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria and for Related Matters.	Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai	17/07/2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.

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4	HB 534: Nigeria Sports Anti-Doping Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2019	N/A	Hon. Jimoh Abdulraheem Olajide	28/11/2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.
5	HB 239: National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019	To amend the National Youth Service Corps Act to make it Mandatory for the Service Act to Provide Life Insurance Policy for Corp Members and for Related Matters.	Hon. Ali Abdullahi Ibrahim	23/07/2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Consolidated with HBs 360 & 488 11/12/2019
6	HB 360: National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019	N/A	Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha	09/10/2019				Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage Consolidated with HB. 488 11/12/2019
7	HB. 488 National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019	N/A	Hon. Samuel C. Onwuaso	21/11/2019				Consolidated with HB. 360 11/12/2019
8	HB 345: Anti-Bully School Standards Bill, 2019	The Bill seeks to mandate and compel schools to create a policy to address the existence of bullying and cyber-bullying in their respective Institutions and for related matters.	Hon. Umeoji Chukwuma Michael	26/09/2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.

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9	HB 777: National Youth Development Commission Bill, 2020	To create and promote the coordination of youth development in Nigeria and for related matters	Hon. Karu Simeon Elisha	05/03/2020	24/03/2021	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond Second Reading Stage.
10	HB 1448: Youth Entrepreneurship Development Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2021	To establish a Fund to provide financial support to Nigerian Youths with entrepreneurship skills and for Related Matters.	Hon. Dagogo Farah	07/07/2021	08/12/2021	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond Second Reading Stage.
11	HB 1795: National Youth Service Corps Trust Fund (Est.) Bill, 2022 (Re-introduced)	To establish a trust fund to provide sustainable source of funds for NYSC, Skill Acquisition training and provision of Start-up capital to Corps Members, train and retrain the personnel of the NYSC and for Related Matters.	Hon. Akinfolarin Mayowa Samuel	22/09/2022	22/09/2022	Committee of the Whole	Bill Passed 24/05/2023	Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence
12	HB 1940: National Senior Secondary Education Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (Re-introduced)	The bill seeks to repeal the National Secondary Education Commission, Act, 2004 and Enact the National Senior Secondary Education Commission to Prescribe Minimum Standards for Senior Secondary Education in Nigeria, Manage the	Executive	05/04/2022	21/09/2022	Committee on Basic Education	Bill Passed 23/11/2023	



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		National Senior Secondary Education Commission Fund and for Related Matters						
13	HB 06: Student Loan (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2019 (Re-introduced)	The bill seeks to provide Nigerians access to higher education through interest-free loans from the Nigerian Education Fund established in this Act and for Related Matters.	Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila	03/07/2019	25/07/2019	Committee of the Whole	Bill Passed 10/10/2019	Transmitted to the Senate for concurrence.
14	HB 473: National Sports Commission Bill, 2019	N/A	Hon. Ahmed Idris	20/11/2019	11/12/2019	Committee of the Whole	Bill Passed 23/05/2023	
15	HB 716: National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020	N/A	Hon. Eta Mbora	20/02/2020				Consolidated with HBs 1305, 1657, 1922, 1945, 1674 Bill did not progress beyond First Reading
16	HB 779: National Youth Development Commission Bill, 2020	N/A	Hon. Karu Simon and 2 Others	05/03/2020	24/03/2021	Committee on Youth Development		

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17	HB 1305: National Youth Service Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021	N/A	Hon. Abass A. Adigun	22/04/2021				Consolidated with HBs 716, 1657, 1922, 1945, 1674 21/9/2022
18	HB 1417: National Youth Empowerment Development Commission (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2021	N/A	Hon. Richard Gbande	09/06/2021				Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage
19	HB 1657: National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021	N/A	Hon. Ben Rolands Igbakpa	16/11/2021				Consolidated with HBs 716, 1305, 1922, 1945, 1657 21/9/2022
20	HB 1674: National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021	N/A	Hon. Kayode Moshood Akiolu	17/11/2021				Consolidated with HBs 716, 1305, 1922, 1945, 1674 21/9/2022
21	HB 1922: National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022	N/A	Hon. Kayode Moshood Akinolu	23/03/2022				Consolidated with HBs 716, 1305, 1657, 1945, 1674 21/9/2022

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22	HB 1945: National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022	N/A	Hon. Oluyemi Adewale Taiwo	06/04/2022				Consolidated with HBs 716, 1305, 1922, 1657, 1674 21/9/2022
23	HB 2032: National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022	N/A	Hon. Chisom Promise Dike	20/07/2022				Bill did not progress beyond First Reading

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1	SB 217: Published Works for Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2019	N/A	Sen Olubunmi Adetumbi	27/11/2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading Stage.

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2	SB 255: National Agency for the Research and Management of Persons with Special Needs (Est. etc) Bill, 2019	To establish an Agency responsible for carrying out research activities, initiating projects and programmes aimed at improving the social, economic, mental and physical wellbeing of persons medically diagnosed with disorders that require special needs and for Related Matters.	Sen. Betty Apiafi	05/12/2019	04/02/2020	Referred to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development	N/A	Bill terminated at Committee Stage.

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1	HB 02: Physically Challenged (Empowerment) Bill 2019 (Re-introduced)	N/A	Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila	03/07/2019	25/07/2019	Committee of the Whole	Bill Passed 10/10/2019	Bill passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence
2	HB 670: National Agency for Albinism and Hypo-Pigmentation (Establishment) Bill, 2020	N/A	Hon. Jude Ise-Idehen	12/02/2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill Withdrawn

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3	HB 1345: Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021	N/A	Hon. Miriam O. Onuoha	19/05/2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond First Reading stage.
4	HB 1656: Special Needs Education Bill, 2021	To ensure that schools provide adequate special needs education for students with learning disabilities and for Related Matters.	Hon. Obinna Chidoka	16/11/2021	12/10/2022	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond Second Reading stage.
5	HB 1822: National Council on Special Education Needs (Establishment) Bill, 2022	To ensure full integration of persons with special needs into the society and for Related Matters.	Hon. Dan Agundi Munir Babba	01/02/2022	24/02/2022	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond Second Reading stage.
6	HB 1831: Discrimination Against Persons with Disability (Prohibition) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022	The bill aims to increase the retirement age for persons with disability and for Related Matters.	Hon. Benson Babajimi Adegoke	01/02/2022	30/06/2022	N/A	N/A	Bill did not progress beyond Second Reading stage.







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