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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL COLLEGE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, GOMBI ADAMAWA STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB 1996)

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL	COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS
ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows-	
Establishment of the Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skills Development, Gombi, Adamawa State **1.** (1) There is hereby established Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skills Development, Gombi, Adamawa State (in this Bill referred to as "the College") which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as are specified in this Bill. (2) The College, as a legal entity, shall have perpetual succession and a common seal. It shall have the authority to: (a) Initiate legal proceedings and be subject to legal action; (b) Acquire, possess, charge, or dispose of movable and immovable property; (c) Borrow money; (d) Charge fees for its services; (e) Enter into contracts; (f) Perform any other necessary acts within the scope of its functions as a legal entity.	**Retained**
Functions of the College **2.** (a) (i) Provide full-time courses, teaching instruction and training in entrepreneurship and skills development; (ii) Such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of entrepreneurship and skills development of Nigeria; (b) Conduct courses in education for qualified entrepreneur; (c) Arrange conferences; seminars and workshops relative to the functions of the College; (d) To regulate and coordinate entrepreneurship and skills development in accordance with this Bill; (e) To accredit and inspect programs and courses; (f) To provide advice and recommendations on matters related to entrepreneurship and skills development;	**Retained**

(g) To establish objectives for entrepreneurship and skills development; (h) To promote access and relevance of programs within the framework of national socio-economic development plans and policies; (i) To set minimum admission criteria for entrepreneurship and skills development and programs, with the aim of promoting access, equity, and gender parity; (j) To recognize and equate qualifications awarded by local or foreign entrepreneur and skills development education centres, in accordance with the college standards and guidelines; (k) To develop plans and guidelines for the effective implementation of this Bill; (I) To establish a comprehensive entrepreneurship and skills development System that caters to the needs of both the formal and informal sectors, as stipulated in this Bill; (m)To collect, analyze, and publish information pertaining to entrepreneurship and skills development. (n) To perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the College.	**Retained**
PART II - ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL **Establishment of a Governing Council** **3.** (1) There is established for the College a Governing Council (hereafter in this Bill referred to as "the Council"). The Council shall be the governing body of the College and shall be responsible for the general management of the affairs of the College.	**Retained**
Functions and Powers of the Council **4.**(1) 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 College's schedule of activities; (b) The curriculum, courses, and research agenda of the College; (c) The yearly budget projections of the College; (d) The College's strategies for investments; and (e) Annual estimates of the College. (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the governing body of the College is charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finance and property of the College; The Council shall have power to: (a) Hold examinations and grant Nigeria Certificates in Education (NCE), Diplomas, professional certificates and other distinctions to persons, who have pursued courses of study	**Retained**

approved and accredited by the National Commission for Colleges of Education; (b) Hold examinations in education for qualified teachers for entrepreneur; (c) Recruit staff and determine structure of such staff; (d) 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 the Minister, from time to time determine; (e) Hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and selling of books; (f) Award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles; (g) Establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units with the College or extra mural departments as the Council may from time to time determine; (h) Erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational and residential facilities as the College may require; (i) Create lectureships and other academic posts and offices and to make appointments accordingly; (j) Receive and make gifts; (k) Enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the objectives of the College; (I) Provide amenities for and make such provision for the welfare of the staff and students of the College; (m) Encourage and make provision for research in the College, and (n) Do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the College. (0) Ensure that proper accounts of the College are kept and that those accounts are audited annually as specified in this Act; and (p) Present annual report on the activities of the College and audited accounts of the College to the Minister. (q) The Council may, subject to its standing orders, establish such standing or ad-hoc committees, as it may deem fit, to consider and report on any matter with which the College is concerned.	**Retained**
Membership of the Council of the College **5.** Membership of the Council of the College shall consist of: (a) A Chairman and other member to he appointed by the President; (b) A representative of the Federal Ministry responsible for Education; (c) Two representatives of the Academic Board of the College; (d) A representative of the National Commission, for Colleges of Education; and (e) The Provost of the College.	**Retained**

Tenure of Members of the Council **6.** (1) A member of the Council other than the ex-officio members, of the Council shall hold office for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re- appointment for a further term of four years and no more. (2) The office of a member appointed under section 3 of this Act shall become vacant if the (a) Member resigns by notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the Minister; or (b) Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the College for the member appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect.	**Retained**
The Academic Board and its functions **7.** There is established for the College a Board known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members: (a) The Provost of the College as Chairman; (b) All Heads of Departments; (c) The College bursar; (d) The College Librarian; and (e) Not more than three members of the academic staff other than the (f) Heads of departments to be appointed by the Council, (ii) 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, and award of certificates scholarships, prizes and other academic distinction; and (b) Discharging any other functions which the Council may from time-to-time delegate to it.	**Retained**
PART III- STAFF OF THE COLLEGE **Appointment and Tenure of Office of Provost of the College** **8.** (1) There shall be a Provost for the College who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister. (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the Provost, the Council shall: (a) Advertise the vacancy in a reputable, widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying: (i) The qualities of a 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 of the Minister. (3) The President shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates recommended by the Minister. (4) Subject to 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 management and operations of the College. (5) The Provost shall hold office for tenure of five years only and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.	**Retained**

Appointment and Tenure of Office of the Deputy Provosts **9.** (1) There shall be for the College, two Deputy Provosts- (a) Deputy Provost (Academic); and (b) Deputy Provost (Administration). (2) The Council shall nominate the Deputy Provosts from among the Chief Lecturers in the College in any of the following ways: (a) From a list of five candidates in order of preference, submitted by the Provost; (b) On the recommendation of a Selection Board constituted for that purpose or (c) On the nomination of the Provost. (3) The Selection Board referred to in subsection 2(b) shall consist of: (a) The Chairman of the Council; (b) The Provost of the College; (c) Two members of the Academic Board; and (d) Two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board (4)(a) The Deputy Provost (Academic) shall- (i) Assist the Provost in the performance of his functions in academic matters of the College (ii) Act as 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. (b) The Deputy Provost (Administration) shall: (i) Assist the Provost in administrative matters of the college; and (ii) Perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may assign him. (5) Each of the Deputy Provosts shall hold office for a term of two years and no more.	**Retained**
Appointment and Tenure of Office of the Registrar **10.** (1) There shall be a registrar for the College to be appointed by the Council. (2) The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council. (3) The Registrar shall be the secretary to: (a) The Council; (b) The Academic Board of the Council; and (c) Any Committee of the Council. (4) The Registrar may perform any duty assigned to him by the Councilor the Provost. (5) The Registrar shall hold office for a term of five years and no more.	**Retained**
Other Staff of the College and Tenure of Office **11.** (1) There shall be for the College in addition to the Registrar- (a) The Bursar, and (b) The College Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council.	**Retained**

(2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the College and be responsible to the Provost for the administration and control of the financial affairs of the College. (3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the College library and coordination of the library services in the teaching units of the College. (4) The College Librarian shall each hold office for a term of five years and no more.	
Mode of Resignation of Appointment **12.** A principal officer of the Council may resign his appointment- (a) Incase of the Provost by notice to the Visitor, and (b) In any other case by advise to the Council.	**Retained**
Appointment, Remuneration, Tenure of Office and Conditions of Service of employees of the College **13.** (1) The Council may appoint other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may deem necessary to assist the Provost and the Principal Officers in the performance of their functions. (2) The remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employee of the College shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission.	**Retained**
PART IV - REMUNERATION AND CONDITION OF SERVICE OF STAFF **Fund of the College** **14.** (1) The College shall establish and maintain a Fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives of this Bill. (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established under subsection (1) (a) Such sums as may from time to time be granted by the Federal Government through the National Commission for Colleges of Education; (b) All money raised by the Council by way of gifts, grants-in-aid or testamentary disposition; (c) All subscription fees and charges for services rendered by the Council; and (d) All other sums that may accrue to the Council from any sources. (3) The Council shall submit to the Minster, through the National Commission for Colleges of Education, not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as the Minister may direct an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next final year.	**Retained**
Power to accept gifts **15.** (1) The College may accept gifts, money or of other property upon such terms and conditions, as may be specified by the person making the gifts. (1) The College shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached to the gift are inconsistent with the objectives of the College.	**Retained**

Accounts and Audit **16.** The College shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, allocations, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited.	**Retained**
Annual Reports **17.** The Council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its activities during the immediate 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 of the accounts.	**Retained**
Application of Pension Reform Service Act **18.** (1) Service in the College, entitled to pensions and other retirement benefits as are Act No.4, 2014. Enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the Public Service of the Federation. (2) Nothing in this Bill prevents the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension in respect of that office.	**Retained**
PART V - TRANSFER OF PROPERTY **Transfer of Property** **19.** All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Property Governing Council shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the College and be held by it for the purpose of the College.	**Retained**
PART VI - STATUTES OF THE COLLEGE AND VISITATION **Statutes of the College** **20.** (1) The College may make Statutes for the College on any of the following purposes- (a) Making provision with respect to the composition and constitution of any authority of the College; (b) Specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority of the College, and regulating any other matter connected with the College or any of its authorities; (c) Regulating the admission of students where it is done by the College, and their discipline and welfare; (d) Determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Act and of any Statute, regulation or other instrument made there-under; and (e) Making provision for other matters for which provision by Statute is authorized or required by this Bill. (2) Subject to clause 36 of this Bill, the Interpretation Bill shall apply in relation to any Statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of this Bill. (2) The power to make Statute conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the Statute of this Bill.	**Retained**

Power to make and approve Statues **21.** (1) The power of the College to make and approve Statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section. (2) A proposed Statute shall not have the force of law until it has been approved at a meeting of the- (a) Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting; and (b) Governing Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting; (3) A proposed Statute may originate either in the Senate or Governing Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by both bodies in no particular order. (4) A Statute which- (a) Makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Governing Council, the Senate or any other authority of the College; or (b) Provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any Statute whereby a campus or college is established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Visitor. (5) For the purpose of a Statute which shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is approved by the Governing Council and the Senate in accordance with subsection (3) of this section or in the case of a Statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the President.	**Retained**
Proof of statute in Court **22.** A Statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate signed by the Provost or the Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a Statute of that College	**Retained**
Visitors decision incase of dispute **23.**(1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he deems fit. (2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the College and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute has been decided by the Visitor under this section, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any other authority in Nigeria: Provided that nothing in this subsection shall affect the power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a Statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution. (3) The provisions of this section shall apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is, for the purposes of this Bill, an academic or non-	**Retained**

academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, and accordingly the reference in subsection (2) of this section to any question as to the meaning of any provision of the Statute shall include references to any question as to whether any matter is for the said purposes an academic or Proof of Statute in court.	
PART VII - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE **Supervision and Discipline** **24.** (1) The Minister shall be the Visitor of the College (2) The Visitor shall, as often as the circumstances may require not being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the College or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons as the visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the College (3) The bodies and persons comprising the College shall- (a) Make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purpose of the visitation; and (b) Give effect to any instruction consistent with the provisions of this Bill which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the visitation.	**Retained**
Removal of Members **25.** (1) If it appears to the Council that a member should be removed from office on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the Federal Executive Council and if the Federal Executive Council, after making such enquiries (if any) as may be considered necessary, approves the recommendation it may direct the removal of the member from office. (2) The Minister shall use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) of this section to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.	**Retained**
Grounds and Procedure for removal of Members **26.** (1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or professional staff of the College should be removed from office or on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office Council shall- (a) Give notice of those reasons to the person in question; (b) Afford such person an opportunity of making representation in person on the matter to the Council; and (c) Take a decision to terminate or not to terminate the appointment. (2) If the affected staff or any three members of the Council so request within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the notice of the Council's decision, the Council shall make arrangements for- (a) A joint committee of the Council and the Senate to review the matter and to report on it to the Council;	**Retained**

(b) The person in question to be afforded an opportunity to appear before and be heard by an investigating committee with respect to the matter; and if the Council after considering the report of the investigating committee is satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council. (3) Any member of staff may be suspended from duty or his appointment may be terminated by the Council for a good cause and, for the purposes of this subsection, "good cause" means- (a) Any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers being such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold office; (b) Conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold office; or (c) Conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service; (4) Any person suspended under subsection (3) of this section shall be on half pay and the Governing Council shall, before the expiration of a period of three months from the date of such suspension, consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to whether to: (a) Continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him); (b) Reinstate such person in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension: (c) Terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which case such a person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; and (d) Take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine. (5) Where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against the person, the Council shall, before the expiration of three months from such decision, come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning such a person. (6) The person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section shall use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates. (7) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of staff and workers of the College as may be appropriate.	
Removal of Examiners **27.** (1) Removal from office, If Examiner appears to the Senate that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the College ought to be	**Retained**

removed from his office or appointment, then, the Senate may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter, order for his removal, the examiner by an instrument in writing signed by the Registrar. (2) Subject to the provisions of any regulation made under this section of this Act, the Provost may, on the recommendation of Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed. (3) The Registrar shall on signing an instrument of removal under this section, use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.	
Disciplinary action on students **28.** (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Provost that any student is guilty of misconduct, the. Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that the- (a) Student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the College or make use of such facilities of the College as may be so specified; (b) Activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; (c) Student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or (d) Student be expelled from the College; (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal against the direction to the Senate. (3) Where an appeal is brought under subsection (2) of this section, the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Senate considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Senate thinks fit. (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought under subsection (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending. (5) The Provost may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the College as he may nominate. (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the College for conduct which in the opinion of the Senate is prejudicial to the interest of the College or to its corporate objective or image. (7) A direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.	**Retained**

PART VIII - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS **Exclusion of discrimination on account of race, religion etc.** **29.** (1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the College, the holder of any certificate of the College or of any appointment or employment at the College, or a member of anybody established by virtue of this Act; and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the College, by reference to any of those matters. (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as preventing the College from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons mentioned in that subsection where such person willfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the College reasonably justifiable in the national interest.	**Retained**
Restriction on disposal of Land by the College **30.** Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the College shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the College by this Bill) except with the prior written consent, either general or special, of the President: Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack- rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the College for residential purpose.	**Retained**
Quorum and Procedure of bodies established by this Bill **31.** Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Bill shall be as determined by that body.	**Retained**
Appointment of Committees, etc. **32.** (1) Anybody of persons established by this Bill shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and to authorise a committee established by it- (a) To exercise, on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine; (b) To co-opt members, and may direct whether or not co-opted members (if any) shall be entitled to vote in that committee. (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of committees consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them, and either of dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them. (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held in pursuance of this section, shall be such as may be determined by the body	**Retained**

or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting. (4) Nothing in the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section shall be construed as- (a) Enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications.	
Retiring age of Academic Staff **33.** (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Bill, the compulsory re-tiring age of an academic staff of the College shall be 65 years. (2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for 35 years shall not apply to a staff of the College.	**Retained**
Special Provisions relating to Pension of Professors **34.** A person who retires as a professor having served- (a) A minimum period of fifteen years as a professor in the College or continuously in the service of the College in Nigeria up to the retiring age; and (b) Who during the period of service was absent from the College only on approved national or College assignments, shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his last annual salary and such allowances as the Council may, from time to time, determine as qualifying for pension and gratuity, in addition to any other retirement benefits to which he may be entitled.	**Retained**
Miscellaneous Administrative Provisions **35.** (1) The seal of the College shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Provost and the affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Provost, secretary to the Councilor any other person authorised by statute. (2) Any document purporting to be a document 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. (3) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Centre by any person generally or specially authorised to do so by the Council. (4) The validity of any proceedings of anybody established in pursuance of this Act shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings. (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith disclose his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.	**Retained**

(6) Nothing in the Interpretation Bill (which provides for the application in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulations made in pursuance of this Bill. (7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make statutes or regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute or any regulation by a subsequent statute or, as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation and statutes and regulations may make different provisions in relation to different circumstances. (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the College. (9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post.	
Interpretation **36.** (1) In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires- **"Council"** means the council established pursuant to section 2 (1) of this Bill; **"College"** means any of the Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skills Development, Gombi, Adamawa State established under section 1 of this Bill; **"Functions"** includes power and duties; **"Minister"** means the Minister charged with the responsibility for education; **"Member"** means a member of the Council including the Chairman; **"Provost"** means the Provost of the College appointed under section 8 of this Bill; **"Deputy Provosts"** are the provosts appointed under section 9 of this Bill; **"Registrar"** means the Registrar of the College appointed under section 10 of this Bill; **"Bursar"** means the bursar appointed under this Bill; **"Librarian"** means the Librarian appointed under this Bill; (3) It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Bill it is laid down that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or recommendations received by it in pursuance of that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon.	**Retained**
Citation **37.** This Bill may be cited as Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skills Development, Gombi, Adamawa State (Est.) Bill, 2026.	**Retained**

SCHEDULE SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC. *Terms of Service* 1. There may be paid to the members of the Councilor any committee, other than ex-officio members, such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the Minister 2. 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. *Proceedings* 1. The Governing Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, place and on such days as the chairman of the Council may appoint but shall meet not less than once every three months. 2. The chairman of the Council may at any time and shall at the request in writing of not less than five members of the Council summon a meeting of the Council. 3. At any meeting 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, it may co-opt such person as a member for a meeting whether or not expressly convened for the purpose of considering the particular matter but no co-opted member shall be entitled to vote or shall count towards quorum. 5. Every question put before the Council at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting. 6. One half of the total members of the Council, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the Minister shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Council. *Miscellaneous* 1. Any contract or instrument which if entered into by a person not being a body corporate would not be require to be under seal, may be entered into or executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specifically authorized by it for that purpose. 2. The common seal of the Council shall not be used or affixed to any document except in pursuance of a resolution duly passed at a properly constituted meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes of such meeting. 3. The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairman of the Council, the Provost and some other members authorized generally or specifically by the Council to act for that purpose.	**Retained**

4. Any document purported to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed. 5. Any member of the Councilor a committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Councilor a committee thereof shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Council and shall not vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement.	**Retained**
EXPLANATION MEMORANDUM This Bill seeks to establish Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skills Development, Gombi, Adamawa State as an institution to develop and support entrepreneurship, skills development, innovation and related fields for the purpose of overall national development and offer full-time courses leading to the award of National Certificates, Diplomas, etc.	**Retained**