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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AND INSTITUTIONS ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF LAND RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY RABAH, SOKOTO STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS 2023 (HB.717)

PROVISION OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT	PROVISION OF THE BILL	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
An Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A. 12 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to reconstitute the Membership of the Board, make Provisions for Effective Operations of the Council and for Related Matters	**Long title.** A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Land Resources Technology Rabah, Sokoto State and for Related Matters	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A. 12 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to Establish Federal College of Land Resources Technology Rabah, Sokoto State and for Related Matters.
	ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria	
	PART I **Establishment of the Federal College of Land Resources Technology, Rabah, Sokoto State** 1.-(1) There is established the Federal College of land Resources Technology, Rabah, Sokoto State (in this Bill referred to as "the College") which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as are conferred on them by this Bill. (2) The College shall be a body corporate	**1. Amendment of the Agriculture Research Council of Nigeria Act, 2024 (as amended)** The Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, 2024 (as amended) (herein after referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

	with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to acquire and dispose of interest in movable and immovable property and may sue and be sued in its corporate name;	
THIRD SCHEDULE ***(Section 17)*** **FEDERAL COLLEGES OF AGRICULTURE** **S/No. Name of College** **1.** Federal College of Agriculture, Akure, Ondo State. **2.** Federal College of Agriculture, Ibadan, Oyo State. **3.** Federal College of Agriculture, Ishiagu, Ebonyi State. **4.** Federal College of Animal Health and Production Technology, Ibadan, Oyo State. **5.** Federal College of Animal Health and Production Technology, Vom, Plateau State. **6.** Federal College of Freshwaters Fisheries Technology, New Bussa, Niger State. **7.** Federal College of Freshwaters Fisheries Technology, New Baga, Borno State.	**2. Objectives of the College** The objectives of the College shall be: (a) To train and develop skilled professionals in the areas of land/soil resources conservation and environmental management, food security and climate change management services; (b) To develop and offer academic and professional programmes for the award of diplomas, first degrees, postgraduate research and higher degrees which emphasize planning, adaptive, technical and productive skills in Land Resource Technology development with the aim of producing persons with capacity to improve on the disciplines and develop new ones and to contribute to the optimal utilization of land resources in Nigeria; (c) To act as agents and catalysts, through graduate and post graduate, research and development for the effective and economic utilization, exploitation and conservation of Nigeria's land and human resources;	**2. Amendment of the Third Schedule** The Third Schedule to Principal Act is Amended by introducing a New paragraph 17: 17. "***Federal College of Land Resources Technology Rabah, Sokoto State*** ".

8. Federal College of Fisheries and Marine Technology, Lagos, Lagos State. **9.** Federal College of Veterinary and Medical Laboratory Technology, Vom, Plateau State. **10.** Federal College of Agricultural Produce Technology, Kano, Kano State. **11.** Federal College of Horticulture, Dadin Kowa, Gombe State. **12.** Federal Co-operative College, Ibadan. **13.** Federal Co-operative College, Kaduna **14.** Federal Co-operative College, Oji River. **15.** Federal College of Land Resources Technology, Owerri. **16.** Federal College of Land Resources Technology, Kuru-Jos.	(d) To offer to the general population as a form of public service, the results of training and research in land resources utilization and allied disciplines and to foster the practical application of these results; (e) To establish appropriate relationship with other national institutions involved in training, research and development of land resources and the corresponding technology; (f)}To provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a foundation for the development and improvement of land resources development technology and allied disciplines, taking into account indigenous technologies and the need to vastly increase the practical content of student training and adequate preparation of graduates for self-employment in land resource management and technology applications; (g) To promote and emphasize teaching, research and extension of land resources development, agricultural knowledge, including agriculture extension services and outreach programmes, in service training, continuing education, and other related services; (h) To offer academic programmes in	***Deleted***

	relation to the training of manpower for land resources development and related disciplines; (i) To offer through entrepreneurship development centre training for students in different areas of agriculture, to make them self- sustaining and wealth creators after school; (j) To organize extension services and outreach programmes for technology transfer; (k) To establish institutional linkages in order to foster collaboration and integration of training, research and extension services; and (l) To undertake any other activities appropriate for a College saddled with the responsibility of producing manpower and technology for the utilization and development of Land Resources.	***Deleted***

	Governing Council of College **3.** (1) The governance of the College and the direction of its affairs shall vest in the Governing Council of the College (in this Bill 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 Bill shall have effect with respect to the Council as, specified therein.	**3. Short title** This Bill may be cited as the Agriculture Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, ***2026.***
		EXPLANATORY NOTE This Bill seeks to amend the Agriculture Research Council of Nigeria, Act, 2021 to establish Federal College of Land Resources Technology Rabah, Sokoto State to among other things provide for teaching, researching, instruction and

		training of students to produce middle and highlevel professionals in land Resources Technology in Nigeria.
	Membership of the Governing Council **4.** (1) The Council of the College 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) two elected representatives of the Academic Board and the congregation (one each) of the College; (c) an elected representative of the National Commission for Colleges of Education; (d) a representative of the Alumni Association of the College; (e) four persons of note in the areas of Arts, Sciences and Technical Education, who shall be former or serving teachers/ educationists, to be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces; (f) the Provost of the College; (g) the Deputy Provost of the College; and	***Deleted***

	(h) the Registrar shall be a member and Secretary.	***Deleted***
	Tenure of Council Members 5. (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 Bill 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.	***Deleted***
	Power of the Governing Council **6. (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	***Deleted***

	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) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the welfare of the staff of the College; (f) 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; (g) borrow money within Nigeria in such manner and upon such security as the NCCE may from time to time authorize; (h) recruit staff of the right calibre and determine the career structure of such staff; (i) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units within the College or extramural departments as the Council may from time to time decide; (k) provide such courses of instruction either	***Deleted***

	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 lectureships 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; (2) The President and Commander-in-chief shall be the visitor to the College. (3) The Minister shall arrange visitation every 4 years on behalf of the Visitor. (4) The power of the Council to establish further schools within the College shall be exercisable by order and not otherwise.	***Deleted***

	The Academic Board and its functions 7. (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; (d) not more than two members of the academic staff Congregation, other than Heads of Departments to be appointed by the congregation; and (e) Deputy Provosts, Deans, Academic Directors/Coordinators, all Chief lecturers with PILD/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	***Deleted*** ***Deleted***

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	Establishment of Management Committee **8.** (a) There shall be a Management Committee made up of all the Principal Officers of the College, all Deans and Directors in the College. (b) The Provost shall be the Chairman of the Management Committee. (c) The Management Committee shall meet at least once in a month to discuss and take decisions on matters of general interest to the College.	***Deleted***
	Establishment of School Departmental Board **9.** (a) (i) There shall be a School Board for each school in the College made up of all the Academic Staff in that School. (ii) The School Board shall 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. (iv) The Dean shall be elected from among the Academic Staff not below the rank of	***Deleted***

	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 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. (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 Bill shall prevent the Management Committee and Boards from making supplementary rules to guide their proceedings provided such rules are not inconsistent with the a revisions of this Bill.	***Deleted***

	Establishment of the Congregation **10.** (a) There shall be for the College, a Congregation made up of both Academic and Senior non-teaching staff, who holds at least a first degree or its equivalent. (b) The Provost shall be the Chairman of the Congregation. (c) The Congregation shall meet at least once in a year.	***Deleted***
	Power of Minister over Council **11.** Subject to the provisions of this Bill, 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 Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directives.	***Deleted***
	Office of Provost **12.** (1) There shall be a Provost of the College (in his Bill 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-	***Deleted*** ***Deleted***

	(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; (ii) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer/ Professor; and (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 shall consist 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 short-lists drawn up under subsection (2) of this section through an examination of their 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 Bill 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.	***Deleted***

	Tenure of and Procedure for the removal of Provost **13.** (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 Bill a Provost appointed before the commencement of this Bill 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 complete 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	***Deleted***

	office by the Visitor on grounds of gross misconduct or 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. (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 the College.	***Deleted***

	(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.	***Deleted***
	Office of the Deputy Provost and Functions, Tenure and Procedure of Removal 14. (1) There is for the College Deputy Provost. (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	***Deleted***

	(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 a further period of two years and no more. (5) A Deputy Provost may be removed from office for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendation of the Provost and Academic board. (6) "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	***Deleted***
	Other Principal Officers **15.** 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	***Deleted***

	(c) the College Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 12 (3).	***Deleted***
	Functions of Registrar and Tenure **16.** (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 Bill, be a Secretary to the Council, Secretary to Academic Board and any committee of the Council and in his 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 Bill a Registrar appointed before the	***Deleted***

	commencement of this Bill has held office for less than five years, he shall be allowed to- (i) 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; and (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.	***Deleted***
	Functions of Bursar and Tenure 17. (1) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College and be responsible to the Provost for the clay-to-day administration and control of financial affairs of the college.	***Deleted***

	(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 Bill a Bursar appointed before the commencement of this Bill 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 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.	***Deleted***
	Functions of College Librarian and Tenure 18. (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 and upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment. (b) Where on the commencement of this Bill a College Librarian appointed before the commencement of this Bill 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 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	***Deleted***

	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.	***Deleted***
	Resignation of principal Officer **19.** 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.	***Deleted***
	Appointment of Registrar, College Librarian and Bursar **20.** (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.	***Deleted***
	Appointment of other staff of the College that are not Principal officers	

	21. (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 Bill. (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, 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 Bill.	***Deleted***
	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, Income and Wages Commission.	***Deleted***

	23. Pension Act Provisions. (1) It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Reform. 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 Bill 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. (2) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder 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 arty other person or authority.	***Deleted***
	PART II - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS **Establishment of the College Fund** **24.** (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives	***Deleted***

	specified in this Bill. (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 dispositions; 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.	
	Power to accept gifts **25.** (1) The Council may accept gifts of land, money or other property upon suck 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	***Deleted***

	making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Council.	
	Accounts and Audit **26.** 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.	***Deleted***
	Annual Reports of Operations, Finance & Audit **27.** The Council shall soon after the expiration of each financial year prepare and submit to the Minister, through NCCE: 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 on the accounts.	***Deleted***

	PART III - MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY **Offices and premises** 28. (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. (2) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, sell any interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer required for the performance of its functions.	***Deleted***
	Discipline of students **29.** (1) The Council may make rules providing for the Provost to conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline (including lack of diligence) by students and such rules may make different provisions for different circumstances. (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this section. (3) Subject to the provisions of subsection	***Deleted***

	(1) of this section, where it is proved during the enquiry that any student of the College has been found guilty of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or any regulations made thereunder, direct- (a) that the 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 he may specify; or (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or (c) that the student be suspended for such period as may be specified in the direction; or (d) that the student shall be expelled from the College. (4) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in subsection (3) of this section to any student of the College who is guilty of	***Deleted***

	misconduct. (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him appeal against the decision of the Council, and where such an appeal is, brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the decision or modify it in such manner as the Council may think fit. (6) The fact that an appeal from a decision is brought in pursuance of the last foregoing subsection shall not affect the operation of the decision while the appeal is pending, except the Council direct otherwise. (7) The Provost may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary committee, consisting of such members of the College as he may nominate. (8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prevention or restriction or termination of a student's activities at the College otherwise than on the ground of misconduct. (9) It is hereby declared that a direction	***Deleted***

	under subsection (3) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of this section. (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.	
	Interpretation **30.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires- "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council; "College" means any of the Federal College of Land Resources Technology Rabah, Sokoto State specified in Schedule 1 to this Bill; "Council" means the Governing Council of the College established by or pursuant to section 3 of this bill; "Provost" means the Provost of a College appointed under section 12 of this bill; "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.	***Deleted***

	Short title **31.** This Act may be cited as the Federal College of Land Resources Technology Rabah, Sokoto State (Est.) Bill, 2023.	***Deleted***
	SCHEDULE **Section 3 (3)** **SCHEDULE** **SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC** **Terms of Service** ***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. ***Vacancy of Council Seat*** 2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in section 3 (1) (a) and (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. 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.	***Deleted***

	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 I not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Council. (5) The quorum of the Council shall be one hall of the total members of the Council at least one of whom 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***	***Deleted***

	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.	