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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH INSTITUTIONS ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITALS (RECONSTITUTION OF BOARDS, ETC.) ACT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.2687)

PROVISIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT	PROVISIONS OF THE BILL	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
	ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:	
An Act to provide uniform administrative structure, composition and functions of the Management Board of all Teaching Hospitals controlled by the Federal Government.	**Amendment of University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc.) Act, Cap. U15, LFN, 2004.** **1.** The University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc.) Act, Cap. U15 LFN, 2004 "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Act.	Retained
1. Application of this Act (1) As from the commencement of this Act, the Board of Management of the teaching hospitals (in this Act referred to as the "Board") controlled by the Government of the Federation and specified in the Schedule to this Act shall be constituted and have the functions and powers set out in the following provisions of this Act. (2) The President may, from time to time, by order published in the Federal Gazette- (a) increase, vary or delete the hospitals specified in the Schedule to this Act; (b) apply the provisions of this Act to other teaching hospitals that may come under the control of the Federal Government.	**Amendment of Section 1** **2.** Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by: **(a) substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection (1)-** "(1) As from the commencement of this Act, the Board of Management of the teaching hospitals (in this Act referred to as the "Board") controlled by the Government of the Federation and specified in the Second Schedule to this Act shall be constituted and have the functions and powers set out in the provisions of this Act." **(b) substituting for subsection (2), a new subsection (2)-** "(2) The President may, from time to time, by order published in the Federal Gazette - (a) increase, vary or delete the hospitals specified in the Second Schedule to this Act; and	Retained

	(b) apply the provisions of this Act to other teaching hospitals that may come under the control of the Federal Government."	Retained
2. Composition of each Board (1) Each Board shall consist of a chairman who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister and the following other members, that is to say- (a) the Chief Medical Director of the hospital; (b) one representative of the Federal Ministry of Health; (c) three persons nominated by the Minister to represent a wide variety of community interests in health matters; (d) one representative of the medical profession not being a person who is a member of the teaching staff of any university; (e) one representative of the senate of the associate University; (f) one representative of other professions in the health field, not being a staff of the Hospital concerned; (g) the Dean of the Medical School or the Provost, College of Medicine of the associate University, by whatever other name called; (h) one representative of the Ministry of Health of the State in which the Teaching Hospital is situate;	**Amendment of Section 2** **3.** Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by- **(a) substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection (1)-** "(1) Each Board shall consist of- (a) a part-time Chairman who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister; (b) the Chief Medical Director of the Hospital; (c) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Health not below the rank of a Director; (d) a representative of Nigerian Medical Association; (e) a representative of Joint Health Sector Unions and Nigerian Nurses and Midwives Associations on two years rotational basis; and (f) two representatives of other professions in the relevant field of Medicine to be nominated by the Minister." **(b) Substituting for subsection (2), a new subsection (2)-** "(2) The provisions of the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the constitution of the Board and other matters mentioned therein."	Retained

(i) the chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Hospital concerned; and (j) one representative of the Vice-Chancellor of the associate University. (2) If the chairman is absent from any meeting of the Board, the members present shall appoint one of their number to preside at that particular meeting.		
18. Savings etc. The President may, notwithstanding any provision of this Act, take such measures as occasion may warrant in order to improve the efficiency or due administration of the teaching hospital specified in the Schedule to this Act.	**Amendment of section 18** **4. Section 18 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing section 18, a new section 18-** "18. The President may, notwithstanding any provision of this Act, take such measures as occasion may warrant in order to improve the efficiency or due administration of the teaching hospital specified in the Second Schedule to this Act."	Retained
SCHEDULE List of Teaching Hospitals (a) the University College Hospital, Ibadan; (b) the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Lagos; (c) the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu; (d) the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Zaria; (e) the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Benin; (f) the Obafern-Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex, Ile-Ife; (g) the Jos University Teaching Hospital, Jos; (h) the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital,	**5. Amendment of the Schedule** (1) The Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by substituting the existing Schedule with- (a) the First Schedule- "FIRST SCHEDULE SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD *Proceedings of the Board* 1. Subject to the provisions of this Act and section 27 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the decisions of a	Retained

Maiduguri; (i) the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, Calabar; (j) the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ilorin; (k) the Usmanu Dan Fodio University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto; (l) the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital, Port Harcourt; (m)the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital, Nnewi; (n) the Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital, Irrua; and (o) the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano	statutory body to be taken by a majority of the members of the body and for the person presiding to have a second or casting vote), the Board may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Board or any committee thereof. *[Cap. 123.]* 2. The quorum of the Board shall be five which shall include the chairman and at least one other member who is not an ex-officio member; and the quorum of any committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board. 3.-(1) The Board shall elect from among its number a member to be the deputy chairman of the Board for such period as the Board may determine, so however that a deputy chairman who ceases to be a member shall cease to be deputy chairman. (2) At any time while the office of chairman is vacant or the chairman is absent from Nigeria or is in the opinion of the Board permanently or temporarily unable to perform the functions of his office, the deputy chairman shall perform those functions, and references to the chairman in this Schedule shall be construed accordingly. 4.-(1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Board, the Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the chairman; and if the chairman is required so to do by notice given to him by not less than five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within fourteen days of the date of the receipt by him of the notice. (2) At any meeting of the Board, the chairman, or in his absence the deputy chairman, shall preside, but if both	Retained

	are absent the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting. (3) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him as member for such period as it thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum. *Committees* 5.-(1) Without prejudice to the other provisions of this Act, the Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such of its functions as the Board may determine. (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Board and not more than one third of those persons may be persons who are not members of the Board; and a person other than a member shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the instrument by which he is appointed. (3) A decision of a committee appointed under this paragraph shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board. *Remuneration* 6. Subject to this Act, the Board shall have power- (a) to pay any member or any other person appointed to a committee of the Board such remuneration (whether by way of salary, fees or otherwise) in respect of the performance of his functions under this Act and such travelling and subsistence allowances while on any business of the Board, as the Board may determine;	Retained

	(b) as regards employees in whose case it may determine so to do, to pay to or in respect of them such pensions and gratuities approved by the government of the Federation; (c) to give loans to its employees for purposes approved by the Board. *Miscellaneous* 7.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairman or of some other member authorised generally or specially by the Board to act for that purpose. (2) 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 Board by any person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Board. (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed. 8. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or a committee thereof shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Board or committee, or by any defect in the appointment of a member or of any other person to serve thereon. 9. Any member, and any person holding office on a committee of the Board, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Board and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement. (b) the Second Schedule-	Retained

	"SECOND SCHEDULE LIST OF TEACHING HOSPITALS 1. Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Zaria, Kaduna State; 2. Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano, Kano State; 3. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi State; 4. Alex Ekwueme University Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State; 5. Federal Teaching Hospital, Gombe, Gombe State; 6. Federal Teaching Hospital, Ido-Ekiti, Ekiti State; 7. Federal Teaching Hospital, Katsina, Katsina State; 8. Federal Teaching Hospital, Lokoja, Kogi State; 9. Federal University of Health Sciences Teaching Hospital, Azare, Bauchi State; 10. Federal University of Health Sciences Teaching Hospital, Ila-Orungun, Osun State; 11. Federal University of Health Sciences Teaching Hospital, Otukpo, Benue State; 12.Federal University Teaching Hospital, Owerri, Imo State; 13.Federal University Teaching Hospital, Wukari, Taraba State; 14. Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital, Irrua, Edo State; 15. Jos University Teaching Hospital, Jos, Plateau State; 16.David Umahi University of Health Sciences Teaching Hospital, Uburu, Ebonyi State; 17.Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Lagos, Lagos State; 18. Modibo Adama University Teaching Hospital, Yola, Adamawa; 19. National Hospital, Abuja, FCT; 20. Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital, Nnewi,	Retained

	Anambra State; 21. Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, Ile-Ife, Osun State; 22. Rasheed Shekoni Teaching Hospital, Dutse, Jigawa State; 23. University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada, FCT; 24. University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Benin, Edo State; 25. University College Hospital, Ibadan, Oyo State; 26. University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, Calabar, Cross River State; 27. Usman Danfodio University Teaching Hospital, Sakata, Sakata State; 28. University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, Ilorin, Kwara State; 29. University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, Maiduguri, Barno State; 30. University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu, Enugu State; 31. University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital, Port Harcourt, Rivers State; and 32.University of Uyo Teaching Hospital, Uyo, Akwa Ibom, State."	Retained *27. **Usman Danfodio University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto, Sokoto State;*** *29. **University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, Maiduguri, Borno State;*** Retained ***The Second Schedule to the Bill is amended by inserting a new item "33" and "34"*** **"33. Federal University Teaching Hospital, Lafia, Nasarawa State.**

		"34. Federal University of Technology Teaching Hospital, Akure, Ondo State.
20. Short title This Act may be cited as the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc.) Act.	**6. Short title** This Bill may be cited as the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc.) (Amendment) Bill, 2026.	Retained
	EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM This Bill seeks to amends the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc.) Act to reduce the number of members of the Board.	Retained