REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(BASIC & SECONDARY)

ON THE NATIONAL SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION ACT, NO. 45, 2023, (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (BASIC & SECONDARY) ON THE BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION ACT, NO. 45, 2023 AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2026.

(SB 1075)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at its sitting on Tuesday 20th October, 2026, deliberated on the Bill for an Act to Amend the National Senior Secondary Education Commission Act, No. 45, 2023 and for Other Related Matters, 2026 and referred same to the Committee on Education (Basic & Secondary) for further legislative action.

The Bill is an Executive Bill and seeks to strengthen the administration and coordination of Public Senior Secondary Education. The National Senior Secondary Education Commission was established under the National Senior Secondary Commission Act, 2023, to regulate and promote the development of senior secondary education in Nigeria. Experience gained in implementing the Act has revealed certain areas where amendments are necessary to strengthen governance, improve coordination between the Federal and State Governments, promote accountability and support the effective implementation of national education policies. The proposed amendments are therefore intended to address these challenges and make the Act more effective in achieving its objectives.

The House of Representatives equally considered same Bill and referred it to its Committee on Basic Education and Services for further legislative action. This necessitated a joint Stakeholder Hearing and Clause by Clause consideration on the Bill for comprehensive consolidation, uniform Report on the Bill, and ease of legislative actions.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

The Committee resolved and adopted the following methodology to discharge its mandate:

i. Written communication to the identified critical Stakeholders, on the Committee's mandate on the Bill and requested for their inputs/submission;

ii. Conduct of Stakeholders Hearing jointly with the House Committee on Basic Education and Services on the Bill on 29th October, 2026;

iii. Examination and review of the oral and written submissions/memoranda by the Stakeholders, as well as the contributions and opinion of legislators;

iv. Joint meeting with the House Committee on Basic Education and Services on the Clause-by-Clause consideration on the Bill on 30th October, 2026; and

v. Preparation of a Report on the Bill for an Act to amend the National Senior Secondary Education Commission and Other Related Matters, 2026, for approval of the Senate.

3.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STAKEHOLDERS HEARING

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education (Basic & Secondary), and the Chairman, House Committee on Basic Education and Services, chaired the Stakeholders Hearing, held on Thursday 29th October, 2026. Both Chairmen commended the Executive for the initiative to amend the Bill, especially at a time when concerns about inadequate funding, dilapidated infrastructure, shortages of instructional materials, and uneven learning outcomes in Nigeria's Public Secondary Education persist. While the Act sought to be amended is an interventionary measure by the Federal Government, stakeholders were urged to proffer recommendations that will help address the provision of a clearer structure for managing senior secondary education in Nigeria.

4.0 STAKEHOLDERS IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Executives/Representatives of the following Stakeholders attended the Stakeholders Hearing and made both written and oral submissions:

Federal Ministry of Education/National Senior Secondary Education Commission (NSSEC); All Nigeria Confederation of Principals of Secondary Schools (ANCOPSS); Academic Staff Union of Secondary Schools (ASUSS); Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT); and FCT Secondary Education Board.

5.0 COMMITTEES' OBSERVATIONS

The Committee comprehensively considered the submissions, inputs, and opinions on the Bill by stakeholders and members, and observed as follows:

i. The Amendment Bill has 14 Clauses and the proposed amendments enjoyed overwhelming consensus approval as proposed, except the following Clauses that attracted further amendments:

   a. Clause 3 seeking to amend Section 2 of the principal Act, by substituting the existing section 2 with a new section 2 to provide interventions for infrastructure to address challenges bedevilling Senior Secondary Education in the 36 States of the Federation, FCT, Federal Unity Colleges and Armed Forces Senior Secondary Schools by replacing the proposed amendment to, cover **Public Senior Secondary Schools in the 36 States of the Federation and FCT,** rather than specifically mentioning selected categories of schools, such as Armed Forces Schools and Federal Unity Colleges;

   b. Clause 5 seeking to amend Section 20 of the Principal Act, by substituting the existing paragraph (a) with a new paragraph (a) to provide intervention to Public Senior Secondary Schools rather than selected categories of government secondary schools is retained as amended;

   c. Clause 7 seeking to amend Section 22 (b) of the Principal Act, for direct intervention to Public Senior Secondary Schools rather than the selected categories of government schools is also retained as amended;

   d. Clause 8 seeking to amend Section 23 (1) (b) of the Proposed Bill, to provide for the appointment of three members each from the three Senatorial Districts of the State into the Education Board is further amended to, (b) one member appointed from each of the three Senatorial Districts in the States, **one of whom shall be a woman**; and

e. Clause 8 seeking to amend Section 23(2) (b) of the proposed Bill, to provide for the appointment of one member each of the six Area Councils into the FCT Education Board is further amended to, (b) 3 other members, appointed from the Area Councils **one of whom shall be a woman**, provided no Area Council has more than one member.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

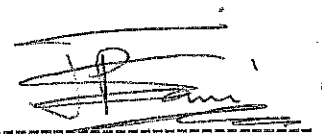
The committee in the discharge of its legislative mandate, comprehensively considered the submissions, inputs and opinions on the Bill for an Act to amend the National Senior Secondary Education Commission and Other Related Matters, 2026; incorporated and endorsed some of the amendments expressed by the Stakeholders therein, which form part of this Report jointly adopted with the House Committee on basic Education and Services, and recommends same to the Senate for consideration and approval.

I therefore move that the Senate do consider and pass the Bill as recommended by the Committee.

I SO MOVE.



Senator Lawal Adamu Usman
Chairman



Jummai Philips Sanni (Mrs.)
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