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Course Code: **MLS 805**

Course Title: **Bill Process, Analysis and Scrutiny**

Instructions:

- i. Answer **Question One and any other Questions, each carries 17.5marks**
- ii. Time allowed: **3hours**
- iii. Write your **Name and Registration Number Only**
- iv. Orderly arrangement and good presentation of materials will be considered.
- v. Cross out any unused sheet(s) in your answer booklet before you submit it.

Question One

(a) Carefully study the Bill provided in the table below and conduct Bill Scrutiny.

<p>HB. 1440</p> <p>1999 CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA (ALTERATION)</p> <p>BILL, 2021</p> <p>EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM</p> <p>This bill seeks to amend the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (with Alterations) in order to make justiciable the fundamental objectives and directive principles of state policies enshrined in the 1999 Constitution.</p> <p>1999 CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA (ALTERATION)</p> <p>BILL, 2021</p> <p>ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES</p> <p>Clause: 1. Enactment</p>

2. Amendment of Section 6 by altering paragraph (c) of subsection 6
3. Citation

**1999 CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA (ALTERATION)
BILL, 2021**

**A BILL
FOR**

AN ACT TO ALTER THE 1999 CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA (WITH ALTERATIONS) AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Sergius Ogun
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BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

Amendment of 1999 Constitution

1. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (With Alterations) (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out hereunder.
Amendment of Section 6 by altering paragraph (c) of subsection 6

2. Section 6 (6) (c) of the Principal Act is amended by granting judicial powers to the courts to inquire into whether the fundamental objectives and directive principles of state policy as enshrined in section two of the 1999 Constitution have been or are being adhered to or otherwise, by the respective organs of government as follows:

"The judicial powers vested in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section (c) shall extend to any issue or question as to whether any act of omission by any authority or person or as to whether any law or any judicial decision is in conformity or otherwise with the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy set out in Chapter II of this Constitution",

Citation

3. This Bill may be cited as the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2021.

- (b) List and discuss the objectives of Bill scrutiny and analysis.

Question Two

(a) In an outline form, identify and discuss major difference between law making process in Nigeria under the Military Administration and law making process in Nigeria under the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as altered.

(b) Discuss the effect of resolutions of the National and State Houses of Assembly in the federal and state governance.