

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL YOUTH IMPROVEMENT MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, TO BE SADDLED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COORDINATING AND REGULATING ALL FORMS OF YOUTH IMPROVEMENT THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT BUDGETARY ALLOCATION INCLUDING LOCAL AND FOREIGN DONATIONS TO HELP IMPROVE THE EFFORT OF THE YOUTH FOR SELF DEPENDENT ESPECIALLY GIVING THE YOUTH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS THE FUNDS, AS TO ENGAGE THEMSELVES THROUGH FASHION AND DESIGNING OR TAILORING, SHOE MAKING, FURNITURE MAKING, INTERIOR DECORATION, POULTRY FARM, FISHERY FARMING, WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTROL OPERATIONS, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Mohammed Dan Abba Shehu

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH IMPROVEMENT
2 MANAGEMENT COMMISSION AND ITS GOVERNING BOARD

3 1.-(1) There is established National Youth Improvement
4 Management Commission (in this Bill referred to as "the Agency"). Establishment
of the Agency

5 (2) The Agency shall be a corporate body with a perpetual
6 succession and a common seal, may sue and be sued in its corporate name
7 and shall operate under the presidency.

8 2.-(1) There is established for the Agency a Governing, Board ("in
9 this Bill referred to as "the Board"). which shall consist of- Governing Board
of the Agency

10 (a) Chairman, who shall be an experienced person(s) as an
11 Administrator and Public Administration and its Management, shall be
12 appointed by the president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (FRN);

	1	(b) A representative of -
	2	(i) Ministry responsible for Youth Development;
	3	(ii) Ministry responsible for Finance, budget and National planning;
	4	(iii) Ministry of Justice;
	5	(iv) CBN;
	6	(v) EFCC;
	7	(vi) NGO/Civil Society Organization; and
	8	(vii) IGPO Office;
	9	(c) The Chairman of the Agency, who shall serve as a member and
	10	secretary of the Board.
	11	(2) Members of the Board shall not be below the rank of a Director.
Schedule	12	(3) The supplementary provisions contained in the schedule to this
	13	Bill, shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the board and other
	14	Matters.
Tenure of members of the Board	15	3. (1) The Agency and members of the Board, shall hold office for the
	16	four "4" years and renewable, subject to satisfactory performances, for further
	17	term of four "4" years and no more.
	18	(2) The members of the Board shall be paid such remunerations
	19	allowances as the President of the FRN, on recommendation of salaries and
	20	wages commission, may from time to time determine.
Resignation, Cessation or removal of some members of the Board	21	4. (1) The members of the Board may resign the appointment, by
	22	notice in writing addressed to the chairman, while the chairman shall address
	23	his/her letter of resignation to the President of the FRN.
	24	(2) A member of the Board, may cease membership if the member;
	25	(a) dies or becomes of unsound mind;
	26	(b) becomes bankrupt;
	27	(c) is convicted of a felony or of any offence involving dishonesty;
	28	(d) is guilty of serious misconduct in relation to the office;
	29	(e) in the case of a holding professional qualification, if the person(s)
	30	is disqualified or suspended from practicing the profession; or

1 (f) Cease to be a staff of the commission he is representing.

2 (3) A member of the Board may be removed, at any time, from the
3 office by the president of the "FRN", if the President of the "FRN" is
4 satisfied that it is not in the interest of the commission or the public that the
5 member should continue to hold office.

6 PART II - FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

7 5. The Agency shall be responsible for-

Functions of the
Agency

8 (a) Coordinating and regulating all forms of youth improvement as
9 an employment opportunity through government budgetary allocations
10 including international and local donors, who may wish to help in order to
11 improve the well-being of the youth within the Country;

12 (b) Manage the foreign and local funds donated to help the youth in
13 order to improve themselves through the program.

14 (c) Manage the public funds allocated, for the improvement of the
15 youth in order to engage them as to reduce unemployment in Nigeria;

16 (d) Ensuring adequate disbursement of the youth improvement
17 funds in order to reduce youth restiveness within the country;

18 (e) Control the youth through adequate training on
19 entrepreneurship to help them stand on their own;

20 (f) Create a platform information for public awareness in order to
21 access the funds for onward utilization;

22 (g) Ensuring the three tiers of government partnership in order to
23 achieves the core mandate;

24 (h) Ensuring due process, transparency and accountability at the
25 cause of distribution of the fund to actualize the core objection;

26 (i) Make policy in which the youth improvement funds will reach
27 the targeted youth and the vulnerable;

28 (j) Performing any other work that may be assigned by the
29 president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria from time to time; and

30 (k) Doing any other that is incidental to the objectives of the Bill.

- 1 (4) The Secretary shall be-
- 2 (a) a legal adviser of the Agency;
- 3 (b) a secretary of all the committees to be established by the
- 4 management committee; and
- 5 (c) answerable to the chairman of the Agency.

6 **8.**-(1) The staff of the Agency other than those, mentioned in this Other staff of

7 Bill, shall be employed according to the procedure stipulated by the Board. the Agency

8 (2) The staff can be on permanent or temporary appointment on the

9 terms which precludes the grants of pension and gratuity.

10 (3) The staff of the Agency, who qualifies as a legal practitioner, Cap. L11 LFN,

11 within the meaning of legal practitioners Act, shall in addition to other 2004

12 function, enters appearance to prosecute or defend any civil matters in any

13 court involving the Agency.

14 **9.** (1) The Agency may subject to the provision of this Bill, with the Staff Regulations

15 approval of the Board, make staff regulations, relating generally to the

16 condition of service in' the Agency such regulation may provide for the

17 appointment, promotion, discipline and appeals for the staff of the Agency;

18 (2) The staff of the Agency shall be paid such salary and

19 allowances as may be determined by the president on recommendation of

20 the Board.

21 **PART VI - STRUCTURE OF THE AGENCY**

22 **10.**-(1) There shall be establish for the Agency, such number of Departments of

23 Departments, Divisions, and units as the Agency, may with the approval of the Agency

24 the Board deem necessary.

25 (2) Each Department shall be headed by a Director who shall be

26 professionally qualified to hold the office appointed through a competitive

27 process.

28 (3) Subject to the approval of the Board, of the Agency may create

29 additional departments, divisions and units as it may deem necessary to

30 achieve 'the objective of the Agency.

Zonal offices of the Commission	1	11. The Agency shall-
	2	(a) divide the federation into such number of zones as it may from
	3	time to time, determine for effective organization of the Agency; and
	4	(b) Establish in each zone, a zonal office and all states in Nigeria
	5	including FCT -Abuja.
Establishment of management and other committees for the Agency	6	12. -(1) There is established for the Agency, a management,
	7	committee comprising of all the Directors and the chairman of the Agency, who
	8	shall be the chairperson of the committee.
	9	(2) The committee may create additional standing or Ad-Hoc
	10	committees and give them specific function.
	11	PART V - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS
Establishment of fund for the Agency	12	13. The Agency shall establish and maintain a fund, which shall be
	13	paid and credited-
	14	(a) all subventions and budgetary allocation from the Federal
	15	Government;
	16	(b) all sums accruing to the Agency by the way of gifts, endowments,
	17	bequests, grants or other social contributions, by person(s) and organizations;
	18	(c) returns of investments;
	19	(d) foreign donations or aid;
	20	(e) All local donations or aid and assistances; and
	21	(f) All other sums which may from time to time, accrued to the
	22	Agency.
Application and management of the fund	23	14. The Agency shall manage and apply its fund, in accordance with
	24	the general guidelines made by the management committees, particularly on-
	25	(a) general operations of the Agency;
	26	(b) cost of payment of allowances to the members of the board;
	27	(c) payment of salaries and other allowances for the staff of the
	28	Agency;
	29	(d) maintenance of any property vested in the Agency; and
	30	(e) Cost of procurement of goods and consultancy, services for the

1	benefits of the agency.	
2	15. The Agency shall not later than 30th September each year or	Annual Budget of the Agency
3	other date stipulated by law or policy submit to the president an expenditure	
4	estimate or income of the Agency as approved by the Board for the next	
5	fiscal year, for incorporation into the Federation budget.	
6	16. The Agency shall submit to the Board quarterly report of the	Reports
7	activities of the Agency and the Board shall submit annual report of its	
8	activities to the president of FRN.	
9	PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS	
10	17. A person who has a cause of action against the Agency shall-	Procedure and Limitation of suit against the Agency
11	(a) give the Agency three months' notice in writing, of intention to	
12	commence an action, and the relief sought to be served on the Agency at its	
13	head office; and	
14	(b) Commence the legal action within one '1' month from the date	
15	the cause arose.	
16	18. Any document, summons, notices, process or any other thing	Service of process
17	required or authorized to be served to the Agency, shall be served by	
18	delivering same to the office of the chairman of the Agency.	
19	19. Every member of the Agency, agents or employees of the	Indemnity of members etc.
20	Agency, shall be indemnified from the fund of the Agency, against any	
21	liability incurred in defending any proceeding brought against the person(s)	
22	under this clause, in the person's capacity as member or employee of the	
23	Agency.	
24	20. The Agency may subject to the provisions of, Land Use Act and	Acquisition of property Cap L40, LFN 2004
25	any other applicable law, have powers to lease, rent or acquire an interest in	
26	land and other properties.	
27	21. The Agency with approval of the Board shall have power to	Regulations
28	make regulations for-effective implementation of the provisions of this Bill.	
29	22. The President may give to the Agency such, directives dealing	Directives by the President

1 with matters of general policy and maintenance of public safety and peace in
2 Nigeria.

Power to obtain
information

3 **23.** For purpose of carrying out the functions of the Agency under this
4 Bill, the chairman, or any officer of the Agency shall-

5 (a) have powers of access to any premises or record, within a
6 reasonable time to obtain information of record of person affected by this Bill;
7 and

8 (b)By notice in writing served on person to provide information
9 required for carrying out the functions of the Agency.

Citation

10 **24.** This Bill is cited as the National youth Improvement Management
11 Commission Bill, 2024.

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SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD

Proceedings of the Board

1.-(1) Subject to the Provisions of this Bill and other applicable laws, the Board may make Standing orders regulating its proceedings.

(2) The Board shall meet whenever summoned by the Chairman, or if required to do so, by at least five '5' members out of '10' ten members of the Board, and shall meet for a minimum of 4 times in each Fiscal year.

(3) The Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the commission and in his/her absence, the Secretary of the commission, may act and report back to the Chairman.

(4) The quorum of the Board shall be formed by the Chairman or a person sitting (secretary) in his/her place as chairman and five "5" other members of the Board or more.

Committees

2.-(1) The Board may appoint committees and sub-committees to carry out, on its behalf, such functions that Board shall do.

(2). The decision of the sub-committee appointed under paragraph 2(1) shall have no effect until it is approved by the committee and the Board.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the National Youth Improvement Management Commission, to be saddled with the responsibility of coordinating and regulating all forms of Youth Improvement through the Government Budgetary Allocation including local and foreign donations to help improve the effort of the youth for self-dependent especially giving the youth the opportunity to access the funds, as to engage themselves through fashion and designing or tailoring, shoe making, furniture making, interior decoration, poultry farm, fishery farming, waste management control operations.