

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIAN CORRECTIONAL SERVICE ACT NO. 19, 2019 TO ESTABLISH A TRUST FUND FOR THE REFORMATION AND REHABILITATION OF INMATES TO PROMOTE SUCCESSFUL REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY UPON DISCHARGE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Olusola Steve Fatoba

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The Nigerian Correctional Service Act No.9, 2019 (in this Bill Amendment of
- 2 referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. Act No.9, 2019
- 3 **2.** Section 8(2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting new Amendment of
- 4 paragraphs"(i)" and "(j)"- Section 8
- 5 "(i)Legal; and
- 6 (j)Bilateral Cooperation."
- 7 **3.** Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended- Amendment of
- 8 (a) by deleting subsection (4); Section 14
- 9 (b) in subsection (3), by deleting the words "after-care and other
- 10 support services towards their rehabilitation"; and
- 11 (c) in subsection (5) by inserting after the word "behavior", the
- 12 words "and cash awards".
- 13 **4.** Insert after section 14 of the Principal Act a new section 14A- Insertion of a
- 14 "14A. Establishment of the Inmates Reformation and new section 14A
- 15 Rehabilitation Fund
- 16 (1) In furtherance to the objectives in section (14) (1) and (2) of
- 17 this Act, there is established the Inmates Reformation and Rehabilitation
- 18 Fund (in this Bill referred to as "The Inmates Fund") which shall be
- 19 managed by the Controller General of the Correctional Service.

- 1 (2) The sources of the Inmates Fund shall include-
- 2 (a) proceeds from Mechanizefarming and other reformatory activities
- 3 Undertaken by the inmates;
- 4 (b) any take off grant and special intervention by the Federal, State or
- 5 Local Government,
- 6 (c) aids, grants and assistance from international bilateral and multi-
- 7 lateral agencies, non-governmental organizations and the private sector, and
- 8 Religious bodies
- 9 (d) grants, donations, endowments, bequests and gifts.
- 10 (3) Subsection (2) (c) and (d) shall not be acceptable to the Inmates
- 11 Fund where the terms and conditions attached to an aid, grant, donation or gift
- 12 are inconsistent with the objectives of the Inmates Fund and the provisions of
- 13 this Act.
- 14 (4) The Inmates Fund shall be utilised for-
- 15 (a) improving the welfare of the inmates, after-care and other support
- 16 services towards their rehabilitation:
- 17 (b) providing cash awards in addition to certificates to deserving
- 18 inmates upon discharge;
- 19 (c) providing tools and other equipment to inmates who have acquired
- 20 skills upon their discharge;
- 21 (d) providing transportation fare to inmates to their places of abode
- 22 upon discharge; and
- 23 (e) for such other purposes incidental or connected with the purpose
- 24 of the Inmates Fund."
- Amendment of Section 19 25 **5.** Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended by-
- 26 (a) substituting for the marginal note a new marginal note-
- 27 "Medical Care of Inmates under hospital admission upon discharge;" and
- 28 (b) deleting subsection (1)
- Amendment of Section 37 29 **6.** Section 37 (2) of the Principal Act is Amended by substituting for
- 30 the words "appointed by the President and constituted by the National

1 Assembly" the words "appointed and constituted by the President and
2 approved by the National Assembly."

3 7. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Correctional Service Citation
4 (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Correctional Service Act, No. 19, 2019 to establish an Inmates Reformation and Rehabilitation Fund for the reformation and rehabilitation of inmates and to promote successful reintegration into the society upon discharge.