

HB. 107

A BILL**FOR**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE ACT (CAP. X82 2004) TO
 PROVIDE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE
 AND FOR OTHER CONNECTED PURPOSES

Sponsored by Hon. TUNDE AKOGUN

Commence-
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

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| 1 | 1. The National War College Act, Cap. N82 2004 (in this Act referred to | Amendment |
| 2 | as Principal Act) is hereby amended as set out in this Act. | of Cap. N82 |
| 3 | 2. Section 1 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by substituting the | LFN 2004. |
| 4 | words "National War College" in line 1 and wherever appearing in the principal | Amendment |
| 5 | Act with the words "National Defence College". | to section 1. |
| 6 | 3. Section 3 of the principal Act is hereby amended — | Amendment |
| 7 | (i) by inserting a new subsection (1) (/) as follows "a retired career | to section 3. |
| 8 | ambassador or a professor in the relevant academic discipline" and | |
| 9 | renumbering consequentially; and | |
| 10 | (ii) in subsection (1) (g) by substituting the words "Director-General" | |
| 11 | with the words " Permanent Secretary ". | |
| 12 | 4. Section 4(b) of the principal Act is hereby amended by substituting the | Amendment |
| 13 | words "Fellow War College" and "FWC" with the words "Fellow Defence | to section 4. |
| 14 | College" and "FDC" respectively and wherever appearing in the Act. | |
| 15 | 5. Section 5 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the entire | Amendment |
| 16 | provision and replacing it with the following: | to section 5. |
| 17 | (1) There is hereby established for the College, a centre to be known as | |
| 18 | the Centre for Strategic Research and Studies (in this Act referred to as | |
| 19 | "the Centre" which shall be charged with the responsibility of | |
| 20 | supporting the college in the conduct of research, documentation | |
| 21 | and publication of research findings in the broad area of strategic | |
| | studies. | |

1 (2) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1) of this section, the
2 centre shall —

3 (a) serve as a think tank for the College, the three Services and the nation
4 in the areas of defence, security, conflict management and peacekeeping;

5 (b) serve as a centre for Strategic level training and research in peace
6 support operations;

7 (c) carry out research and training programmes in areas relevant to
8 national security and development;

9 (d) monitor events and developments and trends around the world, which
10 affect the security of Nigeria in particular and Africa at large;

U (e) organise regular workshops, seminars, dialogue sessions and conferences
12 on topical security and defence issues in Nigeria, Africa and the world at
13 large,

14 (i) organise training programmes for civilian and military personnel going
15 for peace keeping management and diplomatic operations,

16 (g) participate in collaboration with regional and continental organizations
17 on relevant issues of defence, security, strategic studies and peacekeeping:

18 (ii) network and collaborate with similar institutions within and outside
19 the country in areas of research and training;

20 (;) provide internship and visiting fellowship for scholars within and outside
21 Nigeria.

22 (/) raise funds to meet research requirements, and

23 (k) publish and disseminate its research findings in journals, books, the
24 Internet and any other medium.

Amendment
to section 10. 25 6. Section 10 (7) (a) of the principal Act is hereby amended by substituting
26 the provisions therein with the words: "be a two-star general".

Amendment
to section 11. 27 7. Section 11 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

28 (/) in subsection (1) (b) inserting after the word "College" the words

29 "who shall be a two-star general or its equivalent in the other .Services"-

1 (iii) in subsection (1) (d) by substituting the word "Coordinating" with the
2 word "Coordination";

3 (iv) in subsections (1) (e) and (1) (I) by substituting the words "Principal
4 Staff Officer" in each subsection with the words "Director of" and wherever
5 appearing in the Act; and

6 (v) in subsections (1) (e) and (1) (I) by inserting the words "who shall not
7 be less than a colonel or equivalent in the other Services" after the words
8 "Administration" and "Logistics" respectively.

9 8. Section 15 of the principal Act is hereby amended in subsection (1) by
10 substituting the figures "N 1,000,000" with the figures "N25,000,000".

Amendment
to section 15.

11 9. Section 18 of the principal Act is hereby amended by substituting new
12 interpretations for the words "Centre" and "College" in lines 5 and 8 respectively
13 as follows:

Amendment
to section 18.

14 "Centre" means the Centre for Strategic Research and Studies, established
15 under Section 5 of this Act.

16 "College" means the National Defence College established under section
17 1 of this Act.

18 10. This Act may be cited as the National War College Act (Amendment)
19 Bill, 2008.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act seeks to amend the National War College Act (Cap. N 82 LFN 2004) to provide for the change of nomenclature from National War College to National Defence College.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section:

1. Registration Mandatory
2. Form of Registration.
3. Prohibition of Transfer without Registration.
4. Surrender of Line.
5. Withdrawal of Line.
6. Renewal of Line.
7. Exemption from Registration.
8. Penalty.
9. Transitional Provision.
10. Interpretation.
11. Short Title.