

It is in the light of these that the Ernest Bai Koroma University of Science and Technology is being established. This University is proposed to be a University of the twenty-first century which is expected to contribute to accelerating development in the quality and delivery of education, healthcare, agriculture, forestry, science and technology and the promotion of rapid development in the extractive industry.

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A BILL ENTITLED

THE UNIVERSITIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2014

Short title.

Being an Act to amend the Universities Act for the purpose of establishing the Ernest Bai Koroma University of Science and Technology.

[

] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.

Amendment
of First
Schedule to
Act No. 1 of
2005.

The First Schedule to the University Act, 2005 is amended
by the insertion of the following:—

“Ernest Bai
Koroma
University of
Science and
Technology.

3. (1) the Magburaka University College incorporating
the Islamic College, Magburaka and the
Government Technical Institute, Magburaka;
- (2) the Makeni University College incorporating the
Makeni Polytechnic and Teko Veterinary Institute;
and
- (3) the Port Loko University College”.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The twentieth century was dubbed the century of the information society. This characterisation recognises that all aspects and factors of development are dependent on knowledge, that is, its generation, management and utilisation. The drivers of the world economy including the economy of Sierra Leone in the coming years are and will be technology, skilled human capital and research.

The provision of education at all levels is an important constitutional obligation as provided in section 9(1)(a) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone 1991 it states that Government shall direct its policy towards ensuring that there are equal rights and adequate educational opportunities for all citizens at all levels by ensuring that every citizen is given the opportunity to be educated to the best of his ability, aptitude and inclination by providing educational facilities at all levels and aspects of education such as primary, secondary, vocational, technical college and university.

Currently, there is unprecedented demand for higher education the basis of which are the increased awareness of the vital importance of higher education for economic, social and cultural development and also the increase in the number of secondary school leavers.