

BILL

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A BILL ENTITLED

**THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2023**

Short title.

Being an Act to amend the National Youth Commission Act, 2009
and to provide for other related matters.

[

] Date of commencement.

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

PART I – PRELIMINARY

Amendment
of section 3
of Act No.
2009.

1. Section 3 of the National Youth Commission Act, 2009 is amended in paragraph (b) of subsection (2) by the repeal and replacement of that paragraph with the following new paragraph-

"(b) 5 persons representing the Western Area and each of the 4 administrative regions of Sierra Leone."

Amendment
Section 4
of Act No.
of 2009.

2. Section 4 of the National Youth Commission Act, 2009 is amended in paragraphs (c) and (d) respectively, by the repeal and replacement of those paragraphs with the following new paragraphs-

"(c) ensures that the Commission adheres to the national priorities set by the Ministry.

"(d) advise the Minister on matters relating to youth development programmes."

Amendment
of Section 6
of Act No
of 2009.

3. Section 6 of the National Youth Commission Act, 2009 is amended by the repeal and replacement of that section with the following new section-

"Remunerations of members of Board. 6. The Chairman and other members of the Board shall be entitled to such remuneration, fees or allowances as the Minister may, after consultation with the Minister responsible for finance, determine."

Amendment
of Section 10
of Act No.
of 2009.

4. Section 10 of the National Youth Commission Act, 2009 is amended by the repeal and replacement of that section with the following new section -

"Functions of Minister. 10. (1) The object for which the Commission is established is to implement youth empowerment and development projects and implement policies of the Ministry."

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) the Commission shall-

- (a) assist in the creation of employment opportunities for the youth and develop medium and long-term strategies to tackle youth unemployment;
- (b) initiate youth development programmes in collaboration with relevant governmental and non-governmental bodies, coordinate and monitor the programmes;
- (c) assist the Ministry to develop a comprehensive national youth development plan consistent with national youth policy;
- (d) collaborate with other governmental and non-governmental bodies in the provision of youth skills training programmes and schemes;
- (e) provide a focal point for addressing drug abuse by youths and its related problems;
- (f) create a reliable and efficient network by which the youths may access valuable information on beneficial services and incentive-driven amenities provided by governmental and non-governmental bodies;
- (g) coordinate the activities of youth groups and ensure that they submit a quarterly report on their activities to the Commission;
- (h) register youth groups, in coordination with the Ministry;
- (i) assist the Ministry to -
 - (i) establish district youth councils, chiefdom youth councils and other ancillary youth structures at all levels;
 - (ii) coordinate monthly and quarterly youth sector meetings with youth leaders, youth serving organisations and development partners at district and regional level;

(iii) in the conduct of elections of both District and Chiefdom Youth Councils and provide capacity support for them; and

(j) do such other things that will contribute to the attainment of the object of the Commission."

Amendment
of Section 17
of Act No
of 2009

5. Section 17 of the National Youth Commission Act, 2009 is amended by the repeal and replacement of that section with the following new section -

17. (1) The Minister shall, subject to this Act, be responsible for -

- (a) the effective and efficient implementation of this Act;
- (b) the formulation and implementation of the national youth policy;
- (c) establishment and maintenance of an effective, efficient and sustainable regulatory structure and operational capacity of the Commission; and
- (d) the approval of the annual work plan of the Commission"

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object of the Bill is to amend the National Youth Commission Act, 2009 and to provide for other related matters.

MADE this day of , 2023.

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FREETOWN,
SIERRA LEONE.