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President.

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Sierra Leone

The Teachers' Colleges Act, 1982

Short title.

Being an Act to make provisions for the Establishment, Control, Administration and working of Teachers' Colleges and for Matters connected therewith or Incidental thereto

[

, 1982.] Date of Commencement.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1. This Act shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may by notice in the *Gazette*, appoint; Commencement.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
“ Finance Officer ” means the person appointed as Finance Officer by the Council;

“Minister” means the Minister for the time being charged with responsibility for matters relating to Education;

“President” means the President of the Council duly appointed by the Minister from among the members of the College Council under the provision of subsection (2) of section 7;

“Registrar” means the person appointed as Registrar of the College under the provision of subsection (1) of section 8;

“ Secretary ” means the Secretary of the Council;

“Teachers’ Colleges” means the Colleges specified in the Schedule hereto.

Establishment of Teachers’ Colleges.

3. There is hereby established Teachers’ Colleges as specified in the Schedule to this Act for the purpose of providing training for teachers.

4. (1) There is hereby established a College Council for every Teachers’ College.

(2) Every such College Council shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, have control of and superintendence over, the general policy and property of its own Teachers’ College as specified in the Schedule to this Act.

Incorporation of College Councils.

5. Every College Council shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession, a Common Seal, and have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name.

6. The Common Seal of a College Council shall not be used or affixed to any document except in pursuance of a resolution passed at a duly constituted meeting of a College Council and recorded in the minutes.

Constitution of College Councils.

7. (1) Every College Council shall consist of nineteen members consisting of—

- (i) six members nominated by the Minister of whom one shall be the Mayor or Paramount Chief of the area in which the institution is situated or their representatives as the case may be;
- (ii) the Chief Education Officer; or his representative;
- (iii) the Director of the Institute of Education or his representative;

- (iv) the Dean of the Faculty of Education of Njala University College or his representative;
- (v) Head of the Department of Education of Fourah Bay College or his representative;
- (vi) three members, being members of Senior Staff of the College to be elected triennially by the Senior staff of the College who are employed on terms requiring them to work exclusively for the College;
- (vii) one member nominated triennially by the United Christian Council;
- (viii) one member nominated triennially by the Roman Catholic Mission;
- (ix) one member nominated triennially by the Sierra Leone Muslim Congress;
- (x) one member nominated triennially by the Conference of Principals of Secondary Schools;
- (xi) the Principal.
- (xii) one member nominated triennially by the Supreme Islamic Council;

(2) There shall be a President appointed by the Minister from among the members of the College Council. In the absence of the President, the members present shall elect a Chairman for the meeting from among those present.

(3) The members of a College Council shall hold office for three years and are eligible for reappointment.

(4) The Minister may at any time revoke the appointment of any member of the College Council, without stating any reasons.

(5) The quorum of a College Council shall consist of seven members.

(6) Every question coming before the Council at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting provided that in the case of removal of the Principal from office the decision shall be by a vote of not less than three-fourths of the members of the Council.

(7) The Chairman of the meeting shall have an original vote and where there is an equality of votes he shall also have a casting vote.

(8) The Minister may appoint a temporary member during the temporary absence or illness of a member, to replace the absent member.

(9) A College Council shall meet at least once a term and at such other times as are considered necessary by the Principal in consultation with the President.

(10) No act or proceeding of a College Council shall be invalid notwithstanding any vacancy in its body or any defect in the qualification or appointment of any person as a member of a College Council.

Secretary of
a College
Council.

8. (1) The Council shall appoint the Registrar of a Teacher's College who shall be Secretary to the College Council, but he shall have no voting right. If the Secretary is absent, the President shall appoint a suitable person to act as Secretary for the meeting.

(2) The Secretary shall keep a minute book and enter regularly the minutes of every meeting of the College Council.

Procedure at
Meetings and
Standing Or-
ders.

9. (1) The minutes of each meeting of a College Council if passed as authentic shall be signed by the President at the next ensuing meeting.

(2) A College Council may make Standing Orders for regulating the procedure at meetings, for preventing the holding of meetings without sufficient notice, and for maintaining order and method in the despatch of business, and for securing due deliberation upon all matters coming before its consideration.

(3) A College Council may at any time suspend, revoke, vary or amend any Standing Order.

(4) Any Standing Order made under this section shall have effect notwithstanding that it has not been published.

(5) A member of the Council who, without good cause, is absent from three consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council, shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Council and shall be replaced, the vacancy being filled by appointment, as provided in sub-section (8) of section 7 and that member shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the member replaced.

Transfer of
Properties of
Teachers'
Colleges to
College
Council.

10. (1) The property of all the Teachers' Colleges in existence before the commencement of this Act shall be transferred to the respective College Councils as hereby established and such College Councils shall have power to acquire, hold and dispose of property whether movable, or immovable, enter into contracts and do all things necessary for the purpose of this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), no College Council shall be empowered to sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of any of its movable or immovable property without the approval of the Minister.

11. The powers of a College Council shall be—

Power of a
College
Council.

- (a) to appoint, terminate or dismiss the Principal, subject to the prior approval of the Minister;
- (b) to appoint, terminate or dismiss the Vice-Principal on the recommendation of the Principal, subject to the approval of the Minister;
- (c) to appoint, terminate or dismiss members of the teaching staff on the recommendation of the Principal subject to the approval of the Minister; and
- (d) to appoint, terminate or dismiss members of the administrative and domestic staff on the recommendation of the Principal.

12. (1) The functions of a College Council shall be—

Functions
of a College
Council.

- (a) responsibility for, and superintendence of the general policy of the College;
- (b) to keep a register of tutors employed with their qualifications;
- (c) to keep records, statistics and accounts and make returns and report to the Minister at such times and in the manner prescribed by the Minister;
- (d) to ensure that the College is conducted properly in accordance with the curriculum approved by the Minister;
- (e) to ensure that the premises are maintained in a satisfactory manner;
- (f) to see that accommodation provided at the College is adequate and suitable for the students; and
- (g) to appoint such other committees as it considers necessary for the discharge of its functions.

Appoint-
ment of
Standing
Committee.

13. (1) Every College Council shall appoint a Standing Committee comprising the President, the Chief Education Officer or his representative, the Principal and four other members;

(2) The Standing Committee shall—

- (a) consider the agenda for meeting of the Council and make recommendations thereon to the Council;
- (b) deal with matters of urgency and make decisions on these matters where necessary; and
- (c) send report of its proceedings to all members of the Council.

Minister to
appoint a
Colleges'
Council's
Committee.

14. (1) The Minister shall appoint a Colleges Councils' Committee comprising the following members:

- (a) The Chief Education Officer;
- (b) The Presidents of all College Councils.
- (c) The Principals of Teachers' Colleges;
- (d) A lecturer from every Teachers' College;
- (e) Two other members not connected with the teaching profession.

(2) A Chairman shall be appointed by the Minister from among the members of the Committee.

(3) The functions of the Colleges Councils' Committee shall be—

- (a) to act as a negotiating body for salaries and conditions of service of Principals and staff of Teachers' Colleges;
- (b) to consider and recommend to the Minister any alteration or repeal of any of the provisions of this Act.

Capital Ex-
penditure.

15. Any capital expenditure in respect of buildings and any other development project by a College Council to be financed from public funds shall be approved by the Minister.

The
Principal.

16. There shall be a Principal of every Teachers' College who shall be the chief administrative, accounting, academic and professional officer of that College and shall be responsible for the administration of the College subject to direction given by the College Council.

Duties of the
Principal.

17. The duties of a Principal shall be—

- (a) responsibility to the College Council for the academic, social and domestic organisation and conduct of the Teachers' College;
- (b) to arrange the curriculum and syllabus of the Teachers' College, within the framework of the educational policy laid down by the Minister;
- (c) to be responsible for the maintenance of discipline in the college;
- (d) to report to the College Council all cases of suspension of students which he may have ordered on account of misconduct;
- (e) to be responsible for fostering and maintaining the ideals of the Teachers' College;
- (f) to be responsible for admission of students to the Teachers' College;
- (g) to order the withdrawal from the Teachers' College of students who are unlikely to profit from the course;
- (h) to submit annual estimates of current and development expenditure to College Council for recommendation to the Minister and shall be responsible to such Council for expenditure funds allocated to the College;
- (i) to present audited accounts of the Teachers' College to the Minister through the College Council at least once in every financial year and at such other times as the Minister or Council may decide; and
- (j) to submit to the Minister through the College Council a report at the end of each academic year the conduct of the Teachers' College and such other information as the College Council or the Minister may require.

18. (a) There shall be a Vice-Principal of every Teachers' College who shall assist the Principal in the discharge of his duties; Office power and duties of Vice-Principal.

(b) Whenever the Principal is absent or for any other reason unable to perform his functions, the Vice-Principal shall exercise all the powers and carry out all the duties of the Principal as set out in this Act.

19. The terms of service for members of the teaching staff including the Principal shall be according to conditions of service agreed upon from time to time by the Colleges Councils' Committee established under section 14 of this Act. Terms and Conditions of Service.

Pension Act
No. 34 of
1966 to
apply.

20. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Teachers' Pensions Act 1966 shall apply to the teaching staff of all Teachers' Colleges.

Acceptance
of Gifts by
the Councils.

21. A College Council may negotiate and accept on behalf of the College gifts and grants towards the erection or equipping of buildings, the provision of recreational amenities or any other purposes connected with the Teachers' Colleges:

Provided that if the acceptance of any gift or grant involves the expenditure of Public Funds, the College Council shall first obtain the approval of the Minister;

Minister to
make rules.

22. The Minister may, in consultation with the Colleges Councils' Committee established under section 14 of this Act, make Rules to give effect to the provisions of this Act:

Boards of
Governors
to be named
as College
Councils,
Act No. 63
of 1964.

23. Every Board of Governors for a Teachers' College established under the Education Act, 1964 existing at the commencement of this Act, is hereby replaced by a College Council established under Section 4 of this Act.

Repeal of
Act No. 28
of 1969.

24. The Milton Margai Teachers' College Act, 1969 is hereby repealed.

THE SCHEDULE

(Section 2)

NAMES OF THE TEACHERS' COLLEGES

Bo Teachers' College	...	...	Bo
Bunumbu Teachers' College	...	...	Bunumbu
Freetown Teachers' College	...	...	Freetown
Makeni Teachers' College	...	...	Makeni
Milton Margai Teachers' College	...	...	Goderich near Freetown
Port Loko Teachers' College	...	...	Port Loko

Passed in Parliament this 3rd day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-two.

J. W. E. DAVIES,
Clerk of Parliament.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

J. W. E. DAVIES,
Clerk of Parliament.