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THE SIERRA LEONE PEACE KEEPING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY ACT , 2017

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Passed in Parliament this *8th day of August*, in the year of our Lord two thousand and Seventeen.

IBRAHIM S. SESAY,
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 correct printed copy of the said Bill.

IBRAHIM S. SESAY,
Clerk of Parliament.

SIGNED this *25th day of August, 2017.*

DR. ERNEST BAI KOROMA,
President.



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The Sierra Leone Peace Keeping and Law Enforcement Academy Act, 2017.

Short title.

Being an Act to provide for the establishment of the Sierra Leone Peace Keeping and Law Enforcement Academy 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

Interpretation. **1.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

"Academy" means the Sierra Leone Peacekeeping and Law Enforcement Academy" established under section 2;

"Academic Board" means the Academic Board established under section 8;

"Commission" means the Tertiary Education Commission established under section 2 of the Tertiary Education Commission Act, 2001 (Act No. 8 of 2001);

"Council" means the Council established under section 6;

"Faculty Board" means the Faculty Board established under subsection (2) of section 12;

Minister-Means the Minister of Internal Affairs

"National Council for Technical, Vocation and Other Awards" mean the National Council for Technical, Vocational and Other Awards established by the National Council for Technical, Vocational and Other Awards Act, 2001 (Act 10 of 2001).

"Visitor" means the Inspector-General of Police or a retired senior police officer referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 2.

**PART II—ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SIERRA LEONE
PEACE KEEPING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY**

Establishment
of the Sierra
Leone Peace
Keeping and
Law
Enforcement
Academy.

2. (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Sierra Leone Peace Keeping and Law Enforcement Academy which shall have the following authorities-

(a) The Visitor;

(b) The Principal;

(c) The Vice-Principal;

(d) The Council; and

(e) The Academic Board.

(2) The Academy shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and capable of acquiring, holding and disposing of any property, whether movable or immovable, and of suing and being sued in its corporate name and, subject to this Act, of performing all such acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.

(3) The Academy shall have a common seal the use of which shall be authenticated by the signatures of -

(a) the Visitor; and

(b) the Principal.

3. (1) The Academy shall have a Visitor, who shall be- The Visitor.

(a) the Inspector-General of Police; or

(b) a retired senior police officer of high academic distinction not below the rank of Assistant Inspector-General, appointed by the President on the advice of the Minister;

(2) The Visitor shall be the titular Head of the Academy on all ceremonial occasions and shall be responsible to confer degrees, diplomas and certificates of the Academy.

4. (1) The Academy shall have a Principal who shall be the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, responsible for training. The Principal.

(2) The Principal shall be the chief academic, administrative officer and vote controller of the Academy and shall be responsible generally to the Council and the Academic Board for maintaining and promoting the efficiency of the Academy.

(3) Where the office of the Principal is vacant or, if for any reason, he is unable to perform the duties of that office, those duties shall be performed by the Vice Principal and in the absence of both, the Council shall appoint an academic staff member not below the rank of Superintendent to perform the functions of Principal.

The Vice-Principal.

5. (1) The Academy shall have a Vice-Principal who shall be appointed by the Council from amongst serving Deans of the Faculties.

(2) The Vice-Principal shall be Chairman of all campus committees and shall be responsible for-

- (a) students welfare;
- (b) providing medical services;
- (c) campus security;
- (d) enforcement of the Academy's rules; and
- (e) any duties assigned to him by the Principal.

(3) The Vice-Principal shall hold office for a term of 5 years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term of 5 years only.

The Council.

6. (1) The Academy shall have a Council which shall be the administrative authority of the Academy and shall, except on purely academic matters, exercise all the powers and authority of the Academy.

(2) The Council of the Academy shall be headed by a Chairman who shall be appointed by the President and shall hold office for a term of five (5) years and shall be eligible for reappointment for further term of Five (5) year only

(3) The Council of the Academy consist shall of the Chairman, and the following other members-

- (a) The Principal
- (b) The Registrar
- (c) The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Internal Affairs;

- (d) 6 representatives of the Academic Board;
- (e) the President, Academic Staff Association of the Academy;
- (f) the President, Junior Staff Association of the Academy;
- (g) the President, Students' Association of the Academy;
- (h) the President, Alumni Association of the Academy;
- (j) the President, Conference of Senior Secondary Schools; and
- (k) 1 representative each from the Northern Province, the North-Western Province the Southern Province, the Eastern Province and the Western Area appointed by the Minister for a period of 3 years and eligible for reappointment for another 3 years only.

7. Subject to this Act and the Tertiary Education Commission Act 2001, the Council shall have the following powers and shall perform the following functions- Functions and powers of the Council.

- (a) administer and manage the finances, accounts, investments, endowment funds and property of the Academy, including properties which are held in trust on behalf of the Academy by the Academic Board and all the business affairs of the Academy;
- (b) invest monies belonging to the Academy or held in trust by the Academic Board as it shall from time to time think fit;
- (c) borrow money from time to time on behalf of the Academy for any approved purpose and provide such security as may be necessary;

- (d) enter into, vary, carry out or cancel contracts on behalf of the Academy;
- (e) give guarantees for the payment of any sum of money on the performance of any contract or obligation by any company, body, society or person if the Council thinks it is in the interest of the Academy to do so;
- (f) provide and maintain the buildings, premises, libraries, laboratories, museums, gardens, furniture, apparatus and other facilities required for the discharge of the functions of the Academy alone or in cooperation with the Board of Trustees of the Academy;
- (g) authorise the establishment, suspension and abolishment of all posts other than those created by this Act and appoint persons to the posts; and
- (h) establish salary scales for all persons employed by the Academy, enter into contracts and determine the terms and conditions of service of staff of the Academy.

The
Academic
Board.

8. (1) The Academy shall have an Academic Board which shall be the highest authority on all academic matters.

(2) The Academic Board shall comprise the Principal who shall be the Chairman and the following other members -

- (a) the Vice-Principal;
- (b) Directors of Institutes and Schools established by the Academy;
- (c) Deans of all the Faculties;
- (d) Heads of all the Departments;
- (e) the Librarian;

- (f) all members of a professorial status in the Academy; and
- (g) 1 representative of the Academic Staff Association from each Faculty of the Academy.

9. Subject to this Act, the Academic Board shall have the following powers and shall perform the following functions-

Functions and
Powers of
the Academic
Board.

- (a) determine the minimum matriculation requirements for admission on to the Academy consistent with the criteria set by the National Council for Technical Vocational and Other Academic Awards;
- (b) present candidates for degrees, certificates, diplomas and other awards of the Academy;
- (c) advise the Council on any matter relating to the Academy;
- (d) recommend courses of studies for the approval of the Council;
- (e) regulate and superintend teaching and examinations;
- (f) regulate the admission process and the conditions qualifying students for matriculation;
- (g) authorise the granting of degrees (except honorary degrees) diplomas, certificates and other academic awards to students who satisfy the conditions for awards;
- (h) promote research;
- (i) subject to this Act-