A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHILD’S RIGHT ACT, 2003, TO PROVIDE FOR A
PERSON CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED RAPE TO BE UNSUITABLE TO WORK
WITH CHILDREN; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED
THEREWITH

Sponsored by Senator Chukwuemeka Uwajumogu

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

1. Section 120 of the Children’s Act 2005, Act 38 of 2005
   (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended:
   (a) by the substitution for subsection (4) of the following
   subsection: "(4) in criminal proceedings, a person must be found unsuitable
   to work with children:
      (i) on conviction of murder, attempted murder, rape, attempted
      rape, indecent assault or assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm
      with regard to a child; or
      (ii) if a court makes a finding and gives a direction in terms of the
      Criminal Procedure Act that the person is by reason of mental illness or
      mental defect not capable of understanding the proceedings so as to make a
      proper defence or was by reason of mental illness or mental defect not
      criminally responsible for the act which constituted murder, attempted
      murder, rape, attempted rape, indecent assault or assault with the intent to do
      grievous bodily harm with regard to a child.”; and
   (b) by the substitution for subsection (5) of the following
   subsection:
      “(5) Any person who has been convicted of murder, attempted
      murder, rape, attempted rape, indecent assault or assault with the intent to do
grievous bodily harm with regard to a child during the five years preceding the
commencement of this Chapter, is deemed to have been found unsuitable to
work with children.”

2. This Bill may be cited as the Child’s Right Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Child’s Right Act, 2003, to provide for a person
convicted of attempted rape to be unsuitable to work with children.