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MR. BABAJIDE OLUSOLA SANWO-OLU
GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE.

Law No. 11.

2021



Lagos State of Nigeria

A Law to provide for the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency, The Establishment of the Sex offenders Register and for connected Purposes.

Commencement (20th September 2021)

THE LAGOS STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY enacts as follows:

Interpretation.

1. In this Law unless the context otherwise requires –

“Attorney-General” means the Attorney-General & Commissioner for Justice of the State;

“Consent” means agreement, approval, choice or permission given voluntarily by a competent person and duly communicated to another to do an act;

“Governor” means the Governor of Lagos State of Nigeria;

“House” means Lagos State House of Assembly;

“Local Government Area” includes Local Council Development Areas of the State;

“Private Shelter” means a shelter or a homerun by a registered Non-Governmental Organisation in the State;

“Register” means the database and records that contains the information of sexual offenders that are convicted under this Law or any other law;

"Sexual offence" means the commission of offence related to sex and sexual activities as provided for under this Law, the Criminal Law or any other Law in the State;

"Sexual Assault Counsellor" means a person who provides counselling assistance to a survivor under the provisions of this Law;

"Sexual offender" means any person who has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction for a sexual offences under the provisions of this law or any other law in the State;

"State" means Lagos State of Nigeria; and

"Survivor" means a person who has survived an ordeal of a domestic or sexual nature occasioned by an offence committed under this Law or any other law.

Objectives of
the Law.

2. The objectives of this Law are to –
 - (a) guarantee the protection of rights of survivors against domestic and sexual violence offences in the State;
 - (b) protect survivors of sexual and gender based violence offences from discrimination and stigmatisation;
 - (c) create a Sexual offender's Register and database in the State for the purpose of assisting law enforcement agencies in investigating offences of a sexual nature and protecting members of the society from sexual offenders;
 - (d) reduce and eventually eliminate incidences of child molestation, domestic and sexual violence offences in the State;
 - (e) ensure that survivors of domestic and sexual violence offences have access to medical, legal and counselling assistance;
 - (f) protect survivors of sexual violence from invasion of their privacy and to encourage them to come forward without having to fear that their sexual history will be used against them;
 - (g) prohibit or limit the use of evidence of a survivor's past sexual history to undermine the survivor's credibility; and
 - (h) protect and prohibit the publication of the identity of a survivor of domestic and sexual violence offence.

Establishment of
the Lagos State
Domestic and Sexual
Violence Agency.

3.
 - (1) There is established the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (referred to in this Law as "the Agency").
 - (2) The Agency shall-

- (a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
- (b) have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
- (c) be capable of purchasing, acquiring, holding and disposing of property for the purposes of discharging its functions under this Law.

Establishment of
the Governing
Board of the Agency.

4. (1) There shall be a Governing Board for the Agency (referred to in this Law as "the Board").
- (2) The Board shall consist of –
 - (a) a Chairman who shall be a person of impeccable character with at least ten (10) years experience in sexual and gender based offences management;
 - (b) two (2) members appointed from the private sector to represent the business and philanthropic community;
 - (c) one (1) member appointed from the academia in the field of social sciences or law;
 - (d) one (1) member who is a qualified legal practitioner of ten (10) years post call experience in handling of sexual and gender based violence cases;
 - (e) one representative of the media; and
 - (f) the Executive Secretary.
- (3) The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Attorney-General, subject to the confirmation of the House.
- (4) The appointment of the Chairman and members of the Board with the exception of the Executive Secretary shall be on part time basis.

Functions of the
Agency.

5. The functions of the Agency shall be to –
 - (a) co-ordinate immediate response to sexual and gender based violence including–
 - (i) reporting incidences of sexual and domestic assault;
 - (ii) making initial contact with survivors of sexual and gender based violence offences;
 - (iii) providing medical evaluation and care;
 - (iv) collection and documentation of forensic and crime

- scene evidence; and
- (v) conducting preliminary investigations.
- (b) rescue and provide support to survivors in accordance with the Regulations made under this Law;
- (c) provide support, counselling, information and referrals for survivors of sexual and gender based violence offences, as well as advocacy to ensure that they receive assistance;
- (d) establish shelters and safe houses for survivors of sexual and gender based violence in each senatorial district of the State;
- (e) register and regulate private shelters and safe houses within the State;
- (f) provide information and counselling support for the families and friends of survivors of sexual and gender based violence offence;
- (g) provide financial assistance subject to the availability of funds and on the fulfillment of conditions as may be prescribed by the Board, to high risk survivors of sexual and gender based violence offences for logistics costs to the various responder agencies, case management, medical assistance, sexual assault counsellor, psycho social support, business seed grants, cost of relocation or any other form of allowance or assistance necessary;
- (h) foster effective and enduring public-private partnership for tackling sexual and gender based violence offences in the State;
- (i) acquire, deploy and maintain up-to-date technology to enable easy access to medical and legal assistance to survivors of sexual and gender based violence offences;
- (j) facilitate knowledge exchange between relevant local and international organisations with similar mandates;
- (k) foster relationships between the Agency and other private or Government establishments both Locally and Internationally;
- (l) arrange publicity activities of the Agency and periodically organise symposia, conferences, educational activities, workshops and exchange programmes;
- (m) facilitate the provision of online services in the form of psycho social support, counselling and referrals of survivors of sexual and gender based violence offences in the State;

- (n) provide essential information to those in need (such as information on different support services available) and efficiently manage the quality of assistance being provided;
- (o) ensure continuous advocacy and sensitisation programmes for members of the public and targeted groups in the society;
- (p) implement support strategies to increase the capacity of responder agencies;
- (q) support Government agencies and private organisations engaged in prevention of and response to sexual and gender based violence offences;
- (r) protect the rights of survivors of sexual and gender based violence offences against discrimination and stigmatisation;
- (s) create and maintain a State Data Bank of all sexual and gender based violence offences;
- (t) receive and respond to complaints and petitions from the public; and
- (u) do such other things as may be necessary for the achievement of its functions under this Law.

Powers of the Board.

6.

(1) The Board shall –

- (a) raise funds for the activities of the Agency;
- (b) formulate policies for preventive campaigns and other sensitisation strategies with respect to sexual and gender based violence offences;
- (c) develop for implementation a capacity building policy for staff of the Agency;
- (d) appoint consultants or enter into contracts as it deems necessary for the efficient performance of the functions of the Agency under this Law;
- (e) develop regulations and procedures to assess the risk of a repeated offence of sexual violence by a sexual offender and the threat posed to public safety;
- (f) advise the Governor on matters –
 - (i) relating to the implementation of programmes and recommendations of the Agency or other similar bodies;

- (ii) connected with regulation of sexual and gender based violence in the State;
- (iii) connected with the welfare of agencies and personnel engaged in the fight against sexual and gender based violence in the State; and

(g) do such other things it may consider appropriate for the overall development and growth of the Agency.

Tenure of Office	7.	The Chairman and members of the Board shall be appointed on a part time basis for a term of five (5) years and may be reappointed for a further term of five (5) years only.
Remuneration and Allowances.	8.	The Chairman and members of the Board shall be paid such allowances, remuneration and allowances as may be determined by the Governor.
Proceedings.	9.	The Board may make standing orders regulating its proceedings.
Meetings.	10.	<p>(1) The Board shall meet not less than four (4) times in a year.</p> <p>(2) The Chairman shall preside at any meeting of the Board but when absent, the members present shall appoint one (1) of the members to preside at the meeting.</p>
Quorum.	11.	The quorum at any meeting of the Board shall be five (5) members, including the Chairman.
Voting.	12.	<p>(1) All questions at a meeting of the Board shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members of the Board present and voting.</p> <p>(2) At any meeting of the Board each member shall have equal votes, and if there is equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.</p>
Power to Co-opt.	13.	<p>(1) The Board may co-opt persons who are not members of the Board to any meeting of the Board or any sub-committee.</p> <p>(2) Such co-opted person may take part in the deliberations of the Board or any sub-committee but shall not be entitled to vote or count towards quorum.</p>
Committees of the Board.	14.	<p>(1) The Board may constitute one or more committees to carry out, on its behalf such functions as it may determine.</p> <p>(2) A committee appointed under this section shall consist of such number of persons (not necessarily members of the Board) as may be determined by the Board.</p>

Disclosure of Interest.	15.	<p>(1) A member of the Board having interest in any matter under consideration before the Board shall immediately disclose the nature of that interest to the Board.</p> <p>(2) A member who has made a disclosure under this section shall not take any further part in any decision in relation to the matter unless the Board directs otherwise.</p>
Cessation of Office.	16.	<p>(1) The Chairman or any member of the Board shall cease to hold office if the Chairman or the member –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) resigns by giving one (1) month notice in writing to the Governor; (b) is unfit or unable to discharge the functions of the office either by reason of infirmity or mental incapacity; (c) becomes bankrupt or makes a compromise with creditors; (d) is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty; or (e) is guilty of gross misconduct or dereliction of duty. <p>(2) The Chairman or any member of the Board may be removed from office by the Governor, if the Governor is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the public that such a member should continue in office.</p>
The Executive Secretary of the Agency.	17.	<p>(1) There shall be appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Attorney-General, an Executive Secretary for the Agency.</p> <p>(2) The Executive Secretary shall—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be a person of proven integrity, with at least ten (10) years cognate professional and administrative experience in sexual and gender based violence; (b) be the accounting and administrative officer, responsible for running of the affairs of the Agency and implementing the decisions of the Board; (c) issue notices for the meetings of the Board and taking of minutes of such meetings; and (d) convey decisions of the Board to all members of the Board.
Tenure of Office of the Executive	18.	The Executive Secretary shall hold office for a term of five (5) years and may be reappointed for another term of five (5) years only.
Legal Adviser of the Agency.	19.	(1) There shall be a Legal Adviser to be appointed by the Attorney-General, from the public service with at least fifteen (15) years post call experience.

- (2) The Legal Adviser shall be responsible to the Executive Secretary in the performance of the functions of the office.
- (3) The Legal Adviser shall be responsible for the following matters-
- (a) provide legal advice with respect to the functions of the Agency and the objectives of this Law;
 - (b) handling legal issues affecting the Agency; and
 - (c) generally performing all other duties affecting the Agency as may be assigned by the Executive Secretary.
- Appointment of Support Staff. 20. (1) The Agency shall have the power to appoint support staff and volunteers for the performance of its duties under this Law.
- (2) The allowances of any person so appointed by the Agency shall be as approved by the Governor.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall prevent the appointment of a person to an office in the Agency on terms and conditions which preclude the grant of a pension in respect of services in that office.
- Establishment of Sexual and Gender Based Violence Desk in Local Government Areas of the State. 21. There shall be established in all Local Government Areas in the State, a sexual and gender based violence desk for the purpose of serving as first responders to incidences of sexual and gender based violence.
- Departments in the Agency. 22. There shall be established in the Agency such number of Departments and Units as are deemed to be necessary for the purpose of effectively carrying out the objectives of this Law and the functions of the Agency.
- Child Pornography. 23. (1) A person who engages in any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a child commits an offence and is liable to custodial sentence of fourteen (14) years.
- (2) A person who produces, distributes, receives or possesses an image of child pornography commits an offence and is liable on conviction to seven (7) years custodial sentence.
- (3) A person who attempts or conspires to commit the offence of child pornography, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to four (4) years imprisonment.
- (4) For the purpose of this section, visual depictions includes photographs, videos, digital or computer generated images created, adapted or modified to depict a child.
- Custodial Sexual Assault. 24. (1) A person who –

- (a) being a police officer has sexual intercourse with a person in custody with or without consent-
 - (i) within the limits of the police station to which the police officer is appointed; or
 - (ii) in any premises whether or not situated in a police station to which the police officer is appointed; commits an offence.
- (b) being a public servant, takes advantage of an official position and have sexual relations with a person in custody;
- (c) being on the management or on the staff of a correctional institution, remand home, orphanage or other place of custody established by or under any law for the time being in force or of a woman's or children's institution takes advantage of an official position and has sexual relationship with any inmate of such correctional institution, remand home or orphanage; commits an offence.
- (d) being on the management or on the staff of a hospital, takes advantage of an official position and has sexual relationship with a patient in that hospital; commits an offence.

(2) A person who is convicted of an offence under this section is liable to fourteen (14) years custodial sentence.

Sexual Favour in
Exchange for Grades,
Admission, etc.

25. (1) It is an offence under this Law for a lecturer/teacher to have sexual relations in exchange for grades with a student under that lecturer/teacher's tutoring or for the purpose of getting a person admitted into any school or institution in the State.
- (2) A lecturer/ teacher who is convicted of the offence under subsection (1) is liable to at least three (3) years custodial sentence in addition to any other disciplinary action which may be taken by the school or institution.

Frustrating
Investigation.

26. Any person who, with intent to defraud or conceal an offence or frustrate the investigation and prosecution of offenders under this Law or under any other enactment-
- (a) destroys, alters, mutilates, or falsifies any book or document, dress or clothing which could serve as evidence or exhibits; or
 - (b) omits, or is privy to omitting, any material particular from any such document, book, dress or clothing, commits a

felony and is liable on conviction to a custodial sentence not more than three (3) years or to a fine not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N200,000.00) or both.

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| Willfully Making False Statement. | 27. | A person who willfully makes false statement, whether oral or documentary, in any judicial proceeding under this Law or with the aim of initiating investigation or criminal proceedings under this Law against another person, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N750,000.00) or a custodial sentence not exceeding three (3) years. |
| Incest. | 28. | <p>A person who knowingly and willfully has carnal knowledge of another of the same blood with or without consent, commits incest and is liable on conviction to a minimum term of-</p> <p>(a) five (5) years custodial sentence without an option of fine,</p> <p>(b) where the two parties consent to commit incest, provided that the consent was not obtained by fraud or threat, three (3) years custodial sentence without an option of fine.</p> |
| Proper Collection, Documentation and Preservation of Forensic Samples and Evidence. | 29. | The Agency shall organise regular training programmes for Police Officers, Medical Officers and other hospital personnel, Social Welfare Officers and other first responders on sexual and gender based violence on the proper way to collect, document and preserve forensic samples and other evidence when attending as first responders to survivors of sexual and gender based violence. |
| Concealment of Sexual Offence. | 30. | Any person, parent, guardian school proprietor, neighbour or religious leader who knowingly conceals any sexual offence commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of three (3) years custodial sentence. |
| Protection of Survivor. | 31. | <p>(1) A person who has survived any act of sexual and gender based violence shall have the freedom of protection of their identity.</p> <p>(2) The police shall not disclose the name and details of the survivor to an unauthorised person.</p> <p>(3) Proceedings in court shall be held in camera and the general public shall be barred from observing the proceedings; except a survivor chooses that the matter be held in open court.</p> <p>(4) Medical examination of the survivor is to be conducted by a registered medical practitioner in a government hospital or any other trained person, only with the consent of the survivor or some person who is competent to give consent on the survivor's behalf, an examination if conducted without consent shall be unlawful.</p> |

Sexual Offenders' Register.

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(5) The registered medical practitioner or any other trained person shall examine the survivor and prepare a report giving the exact time of commencement and completion of the examination and also recording the consent given by or on behalf of the survivor.

(6) The report shall contain particulars such as the name and address of the survivor and the person by whom the survivor was brought, the survivor's age, description of the material taken from the survivor, marks of injury, mental condition and other such material particulars.

(1) There shall be a Register to be known as the Lagos State Sexual Offenders Register (referred to in this Law as "the Register").

(2) The Register shall bear the record of all sex convicts in the State and shall be maintained by the Agency.

(3) A separate Register shall be kept for a convicted sexual offender under the age of eighteen (18) years, which shall only be accessible by an Order of Court.

(4) The Register shall be in the form of a database and will contain information of sexual convicts which shall include —

- (a) the name of the sex offender including all aliases used;
- (b) date of birth;
- (c) sex;
- (d) ethnicity;
- (e) height;
- (f) weight;
- (g) eye colour;
- (h) finger prints;
- (i) a description of the offence for which the sex offender was convicted;
- (j) the date the offence was committed, date of conviction and the sentence imposed;
- (k) National Identification Number (NIN),
- (l) Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA) number or Nigerian Passport number;
- (m) the Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) of the offender;
- (n) last known home address and or expected place of domicile;

- (o) any internet/account /social media with internet access providers belonging to such offender and internet identifiers that such offender uses;
 - (p) a passport and full sized photograph; and
 - (q) any other pertinent information as may be required by the Agency;
- (5) The Agency shall carry out such findings on, but not limited to, the following criminal history or other factors indicative of high risk of repeat offence, including—
- (a) whether the sexual offender has a mental health issue or personality disorder that makes the offender likely to engage in sexually violent offences;
 - (b) whether the sexual offender's conduct was found to be characterised by repetitive and compulsive behaviour, associated with drugs or alcohol;
 - (c) whether the sexual offender served the maximum term of punishment awarded;
 - (d) whether the sexual offender committed the sex offence against a child;
 - (e) the age of the sexual offender at the time of the commission of the first sex offence;
 - (f) the relationship between such sexual offender and the survivor;
 - (g) whether the offence involved the use of a weapon, violence or infliction of serious bodily injury;
 - (h) the number, date and nature of prior offenses;
 - (i) conditions of release that minimize risk or re-offence, including but not limited to whether the sexual offender is under supervision; receiving counselling, therapy or treatment; or residing in a home situation that provides guidance and supervision;
 - (j) physical conditions that minimize risk of re-offense, including but not limited to advanced age or debilitating illness;
 - (k) whether psychological or psychiatric profiles indicate a risk of re-offending;
 - (l) the sexual offender's response to treatment;
 - (m) recent behaviour, including behaviour while confined;

- (n) recent threats or gestures against persons or expressions of intent to commit additional offenses; and
 - (o) review of any victim impact statement.
- Administration of the Register. 33. (1) There shall be a Registrar in the Agency who shall be in charge of registration, collation and updating of the Sexual Offenders Register.
- (2) The Register and database shall be administered by the Registrar in charge, who shall verify and update the Register in collaboration with the Lagos State Police Command, the Nigeria Correctional Service, the Judiciary and Lagos State Ministry of Justice.
- Management of and Information. 34. (1) The Agency may on receipt of a written application payment of an administrative fee, provide information contained in the Register for research, statistics and background checks to—
- (a) an individual who requires the information for a reasonable and lawful purpose;
 - (b) a social service institution responsible for protecting minors in the child welfare system;
 - (c) a recruitment organisation;
 - (d) a child centered organisation, or organisation in which contact with minors or other vulnerable individuals might occur; or
 - (e) any organisation, company, or individual who requests such information pursuant to procedures established by the Law.
- (2) The Agency shall have the discretion to determine on a case by case basis the details of information provided in the best interest of the applicant, the defendant and the society.
- (3) Nothing in this section will prevent the Agency from providing the full details of the information required to a social service institution responsible for protecting minors in the child welfare system or to any person by order of a court.
- Immunity from Liability. 35. (1) An official, employee or agent of the Agency, shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability for the decision to release relevant and necessary information pursuant to the provisions of this Law, unless it is shown that such official, employee or agent acted with gross negligence or in bad faith.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to impose any criminal or civil liability or give rise to a cause of action against any official, employee or agent of the Agency, for failing to release information as

False Reports

Retention of Information.

Publication of Identity of Sexual Offenders.

(c) uploading the sexual offenders photograph on the Lagos State Government's website and the agency's website; and

Identity and Details
of Survivors not
to be Published.

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- (d) displaying photographs of sexual offenders on Lagos State Broadcasting Service and announcing their names on radio stations in the State.
- (2) The identity of sexual offenders who have exhausted their right of appeal and who are convicted for offences under Tier Two (II) and Tier Three (III) shall be made public periodically.
- (1) The identity and details of a victim of a sexual and gender based violence offence shall not be published unless the consent of the survivor has been obtained.
- (2) A survivor of a sexual and gender based violence offence shall for the purpose of this Law be deemed to have given consent only if the survivor consents by choice and has the freedom and capacity to make and communicate that choice.
- (3) A survivor of sexual and gender based violence lacks capacity to consent under this section where the survivor is a child.
- (4) No person acting in the capacity as parent, guardian or foster parent shall give details of a child survivor of sexual and gender based violence to any publisher.
- (5) The Agency shall by regulation categorise the circumstances under which an adult may give or withhold consent.
- (6) Any person who publishes the details of a survivor of a Sexual and gender based violence offence without lawfully obtaining the survivor's consent, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to payment of –
 - (a) Two hundred and Fifty Thousand naira (N250,000.00) in the case of an individual or non custodial sentence, for a term not less than one (1) year; and
 - (b) One Million Naira (N1,000,000.00) in the case of a corporate body.
- (7) Where the survivor of sexual and gender based violence is a child, a person who publishes the details commits an offence and is liable on conviction to twice the penalty stipulated in subsection (6) of this section.
- (8) A parent, guardian or foster parent who gives details of a child victim to a publisher in contravention of subsection (4) of this section, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to twice the penalty stipulated in subsection (6) of this section.

Memorandum of Understanding.

40. (1) The Agency may prepare a Memorandum of Understanding between disputing parties to a matter of domestic violence brought before it.
- (2) The Memorandum of Understanding shall-
- (a) be in writing, representing full and final settlement of the dispute between the parties.
 - (b) not be invalid by reason of death of any party but shall in such an event be enforceable by or against the personal representatives of the deceased.
 - (c) be enforceable in a court of Law.
 - (d) be recognised as binding upon endorsement by the Magistrate or Judge.
- (3) A party relying on a Memorandum of Understanding or applying for its enforcement shall supply a duly authenticated original or a duly certified copy of it.
- (4) A Memorandum of Understanding may by leave of Court be enforced in the same manner as a judgement or Order of Court and shall have the same effect.

Power of the Police.

41. A police officer in carrying out the duties under this Law, shall collaborate with the Agency and other relevant government agencies where necessary to –
- (a) remove or supervise the removal of a person excluded from a shared residence where the court has issued such an order under this Law;
 - (b) remove or supervise the removal of any dangerous weapon used in order to commit an act of violence as contemplated in this Law;
 - (c) collect and store fingerprints including DNA of accused and convicted offenders; and
 - (d) perform any other act considered necessary in order to ensure the safety and well-being of the complainant or survivor.

Gifts, Donations, Grants and Endowments.

42. (1) The Agency may accept money, grants, gifts, endowments, donations and testamentary dispositions or other property in aid of the objectives of the Agency, on such conditions, if any, as may be specified by the donor.
- (2) The Agency shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached to such gifts are inconsistent with the objectives of the Agency.

- (3) All property or money donated and received for any approved purpose shall be administered in accordance with the relevant purpose.
- Funds of the Agency. 43. (1) There is established a fund to be known as the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Trust Fund (referred to in this Law as "the Fund") which shall be the depository of all monies received under this Law.
- (2) The Fund shall consist of —
- (a) subventions from the State Government; and
- (b) any donation, fund, grants or aid from any agency, institution, or government or any other fund that may accrue to the benefit of the Agency.
- Application of the Fund. 44. The Fund shall be deployed for the—
- (a) investigation and prosecution of reports of child molestation, domestic and sexual violence matters;
- (b) medical, legal and counselling assistance for survivors of domestic and sexual violence offences; and
- (c) provision of seed grants for business, relocation or medical assistance where necessary.
- Confidentiality. 45. (1) Information furnished to the Agency for the purpose of this Law in connection with the case of a person seeking assistance shall not be disclosed to any other person than for —
- (a) the purpose of facilitating the proper performance by any person or group of persons of its functions under this Law; or
- (b) any criminal proceeding for any offence or of any report of such proceedings.
- (2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this Section shall not prevent the disclosure of information for any purpose if the consent of the person or persons concerned was voluntarily obtained.
- Independence of the Agency. 46. The Agency shall be independent and impartial in the conduct of its cases.
- Audit. 47. The Board shall cause to be prepared at the end of each financial year, statements of the accounts which shall be audited by a firm of auditors appointed by the Board from the list of auditors provided by the Auditor-General of the State.
- Annual Reports and Estimates. 48. The Agency shall —

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- (a) in accordance with the State Administrative Guidelines and within such periods as may be indicated therein, prepare and submit to the Governor through the Attorney-General a report of its activities and operations with a certified copy of the audited accounts of the Auditor's report on same; and
- (b) prepare and submit to the Attorney-General for the Governor's approval, its annual estimate of revenue and expenditure for the period commencing on the 1st day of January and ending on the 31st day of December of each year in accordance with extant directives on budget preparation and approved reports of its activities.
- Regulations. 49. Subject to the approval of the Attorney-General, the Board may make Regulations for the purpose of this Law in accordance with the Regulations Approval Law.
- Citation and Commencement. 50. This Law may be cited as the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency Law and shall come into force on the 20th day of September 2021.

This printed impression has been compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Lagos State House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

MR. OLALEKAN B. ONAFEKO

Ag. Clerk of the House of Assembly