



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

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**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT (FIFTH SESSION)**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**MESSAGES**

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

\_\_\_\_ (No. 09 of 2021) \_\_\_\_

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**ON THE PASSAGE OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS GRANTS BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 35 OF 2021); THE MENTAL HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 28 OF 2020); THE BASIC EDUCATION BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 4 OF 2021); THE COUNTY LICENSING (UNIFORM PROCEDURES) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 32 OF 2020); AND THE SALARIES AND REMUNERATION COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 31 OF 2020).**

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**Honourable Members,**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41, I wish to report to the House that I have received a Message from the Senate notifying of the passage of the following five Bills in the Senate: -

- i. The County Governments Grants Bill (Senate Bill No. 35 of 2021);
- ii. The Mental Health (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 28 of 2020);
- iii. The Basic Education Bill (Senate Bill No. 4 of 2021);
- iv. The County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Bill (Senate Bill No. 32 of 2020); and
- v. The Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 31 of 2020).

**Honourable Members,** the **first Message** relates to the passage of **the County Governments Grants Bill (Senate Bill No. 35 of 2021)** and conveys that the Bill seeks *"to provide for additional allocations to county governments for the 2021/2022 financial year; the responsibilities of national government and county governments pursuant to such allocation; and for connected purposes."*

The **second Message** is in respect of the passage of **the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 28 of 2020)** which seeks *"to amend the Mental Health Act to provide for the prevention of mental illness, to provide for the care, treatment and rehabilitation of persons with mental illness; to provide for the procedures of admission, treatment and general management of persons with mental illness."*

The **third Message** relates to the passage of **the Basic Education Bill (Senate Bill No. 4 of 2021)** which seeks *"to amend the Basic Education Act to ensure that school going children in Kenya are provided with milk; and for connected purposes."*

**Honourable Members,** the **fourth Message** relates to the passage of **the County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Bill (Senate Bill No. 32 of 2020)**. Amongst other provisions, the Bill seeks *"to establish standard uniform procedures for licensing by county governments; and for connected purposes"*.

The **fifth Message** is in respect of the passage of **the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 31 of 2020)**, which is seeking *"to amend sections 7 and 9 of the Salaries and Remuneration Act, (No. 10 of 2011) to provide for the notification of the expiry of the term for Commissioners in the Gazette and to provide for timelines for the filling of vacancies in the Commission upon the expiry of term for Commissioners"* amongst other provisions.



**Honourable Members,** having considered and passed the five Bills, the Senate now seeks the concurrence of the National Assembly on each of them.

**Honourable Members,** Standing Orders require the Speaker to cause a Bill received from the Senate to be read a First Time upon conveyance of its Message. It is for that reason that the House Business Committee scheduled the five Bills for *First Reading* in today's Order Paper. After First Reading, the Bills will stand committed to respective Committees as follows-

- (i) The County Governments Grants Bill (Senate Bill No. 35 of 2021) will stand committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 127(6);
- (ii) The Mental Health (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 28 of 2020) will stand committed to the Departmental Committee on Health;
- (iii) The Basic Education Bill (Senate Bill No. 4 of 2021) will stand committed to the Departmental Committee on Education and Research;
- (iv) The County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Bill (Senate Bill No. 32 of 2020) will stand committed to the Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives; and
- (v) The Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 31 of 2020) will stand committed to the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning.

In considering the Bills, the said Committees will be expected to among other things, apply themselves to the provisions of Articles 109(5) and 114 of the Constitution relating to origination and definition of a "*Money Bill*" and make appropriate recommendation(s) to the House as indeed

required by the Constitution and in line with my message to the House issued on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

**Honourable Members,** for clarity, may I remind the House of the existence of Bills similar to the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 28 of 2020) and the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 31 of 2020) which are currently before the House and which originated in the Senate and have been undergoing consideration in the National Assembly.

In this regard, **Honourable Members,** the Departmental Committee on Health, and the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning are required to recommend to this House which versions of the said Bills that are now active in the House should be prioritized.

**Honourable Members,** and just as I guided in a similar Message to the House last week, the reports of the respective Committees shall guide the House with respect to the next stages and prioritization of the said Bills. I therefore request the Committees to prioritize the Five Senate Bills in their respective agenda.

**I thank you!**



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**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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