

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

ON

THE CRIMINAL LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018  
(AMENDMENT IN SECTION 364-A OF PPC) INTRODUCED BY  
SENATOR SEHER KAMRAN AND BARRISTER MURTAZA  
WAHAB

Report No.49

PRESENTED BY

*SENATOR A. REHMAN MALIK*  
CHAIRMAN

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR**

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Interior, have the honour to present the report on "the issue raised by Senator Sehar Kamran and Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018 regarding "**The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (Amendment In Section 364-A Of PPC)**" and referred by the House to the Standing Committee on Interior for consideration and report thereof.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Interior is as under:-

1.	Senator A. Rehman Malik	Chairman
2.	Senator Shahi Syed	Member
3.	Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri	Member
4.	Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
6.	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
7.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
8.	Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan	Member
9.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
10.	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
11.	Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Muhammad Hassani	Member
12.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
13.	Minister for Interior	Ex-officio Member

3. The matter was taken up for consideration in the Committee meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 and 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

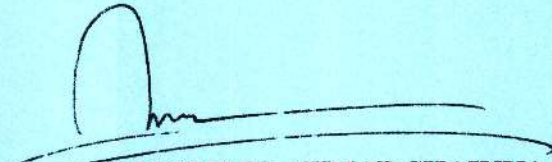
The following Members of the Committee attended the meeting:-

i.	Senator Shahi Syed	Member
ii.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
iii.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
iv.	Senator Sehar Kamran	Mover

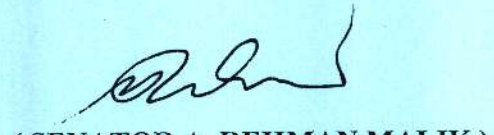




4. .The Committee deliberated upon the matter. The Committee was of the opinion that since the Islamic Ideological Council which was asked to furnish its recommendation over the subject bill has not submitted the same so far and that the reply of ICT as well as the Provincial Governments is also awaited therefore keeping into consideration the importance of the Bill the Committee recommends to defer the Bill to be placed before the next Standing Committee for consideration and accordingly disposed off the matter. (Bill as introduced in the Senate is Annexed – 'A')



(MUGHEES AHMAD SHAIKH)  
DS/Secretary (Committee)



(SENATOR A. REHMAN MALIK)  
Chairman(Committee)



*AS*  
**[~~TO BE~~ INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

**A**

**BILL**

*further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Section 364A, Act XLV of 1860.-** In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), in the section 364A, for the words "age of fourteen", occurring twice, the words "age of eighteen" shall be substituted.

**3. Amendment of Schedule II, Act V of 1898.-** In the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), in Schedule II, Chapter XVI, in the entry relating to section 364A, in column 2, for the words "age of fourteen" the words "age of eighteen" shall be substituted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Children are among the most vulnerable members of society. The law should protect children until they are able to interact in society as adults. Child abductions continue to be a large problem in the country due to tendency in children to deal with persons.

2. For making children of this country safer, this Bill has been designed to increase the age of child from "fourteen" to "eighteen" for the offences under section 364A of the Pakistan Penal Code.

**SENATOR SEHAR KAMRAN  
AND  
SENATOR BARRISTER MURTAZA WAHAB  
Members-in-Charge**