

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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BILL

further to amend the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975 (LXVIII of 1975), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act LXVIII of 1975.- In the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975(LXVIII of 1975), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2,-

- (a) in clause (c), for the word "recognized", the word "affiliated" shall be substituted;
- (b) in clause (h), for the word "recognized", the word "affiliated" shall be substituted;
- (c) in clause (l), for the word "recognized", occurring twice, the word "affiliated" shall be substituted; and
- (d) in clause (m), for the word "recognized", the word "affiliated" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment in section 4, Act LXVIII of 1975.- In the said Act, in section 4,-

- (a) after the word "countries", the words "and all other educational institutions desirous to seek affiliation with the Board from within the country and from abroad" shall be inserted;

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- (b) for the word "and", occurring for the second time, the word "including" shall be substituted; and
- (c) for the word "recognition", the word "affiliation" shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 5, Act LXVIII of 1975.- In the said Act, in section 5,-

- (a) in clause (c), for the words "Ministry of Education", the words and "Division administering the Board" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in clause (l), for the words and commas "Areas of Gilgit, Baltistan, Nagar, Haveli and Hunza", the words "Government of Gilgit-Baltistan" shall be substituted.

5. Amendment of section 8, Act LXVIII of 1975.- (1) In the said Act, in section 8, in sub-section (2),-

- (a) in clause (d),-
 - (i) for the word "recognize", the word "affiliate" shall be substituted; and
 - (ii) in the proviso, for the word "recognition", the word "affiliation" shall be substituted;
- (b) in clause (f), for the word "recognition", occurring twice, the word "affiliation" shall be substitute;
- (c) in clause (h), for the words "recognized" and "recognition", the words "affiliated" and "affiliation" shall be respectively substituted;
- (d) in clause (i), for the word "recognized", the word "affiliated" shall be substituted; and
- (e) in clause (n), for the word "recognized", the word "affiliated" shall be substituted.

6. Amendment of section 17, Act LXVIII of 1975.- In the said Act, in section 17, in sub-section (2), in clause (d), for the word "recognition", occurring twice, the word "affiliation" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The scope of the Federal Board, in terms of number of affiliated institutions and candidates appearing in the examinations was very limited at the time of its inception which by now has expanded many folds. Currently, many educational institutions in public and private sectors have the option to become affiliated with Foreign Boards (for instance for 'O' and 'A' levels) or with any Local Private or Semi Government or Government Board for Secondary and Higher Secondary Certificates. Ironically those institutions which wish to be affiliated with the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education can not do so as the Act prohibits to go beyond Cantonments, Garrisons and Federal Areas. Under the existing provisions of the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975, the Federal Board cannot allow such affiliation without extending its jurisdiction through amendment in its Act.

2. The Bill seeks to amend the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975, to achieve the aforesaid object.

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