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**Report of the
Senate Standing Committee on Federal
Education & Professional Training
Regarding "the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education
(Amendment) Bill, 2016".**

Presented by:
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Chairperson SSC on Federal Education & Professional Training

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

I Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, have the honour to present report on the behalf of the Committee on the Bill titled **“The Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2016** introduced by Senator Nuzhat Sadiq on 21st November, 2016 in the House and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The following is the composition of the Committee.

1.	Senator Ms. Rahila Magsi	Chairperson
2.	Senator Pervaiz Rashid	Member.
3.	Senator Malik Najmul Hassan	Member
4.	Senator Khusbakht Shujat	Member
5.	Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
6.	Senator Gul Bashra	Member
7.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
8.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
9.	Senator Sehar Kamran	Member
10.	Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
11.	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
12.	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
13.	Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 10th January, 2017 at Old PIPS Hall, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad. Meeting was attended by the following Members:-

1.	Senator Rahila Magsi	Chairperson
2.	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
3.	Senator Azam Khan Swati	Member
4.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
5.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
6.	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
7.	Mr. Baligh-ur-Rehman	Ex- Officio Member
	Minister for Federal Education & Professional Training	

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4. After detailed discussions and examining the input from the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, the members raised no objection to the Bill. The Standing Committee unanimously recommended that the Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2016 as introduced in the House may be passed by the Senate.

5. The Bill as introduced in the Senate is placed at Annexure (A):-

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Secretary Committee

Rahila Magsoo

(SENATOR RAHILA MAGSI)
Chairperson Committee

[TO BE 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;

- (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 substituted;
- (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.

SENATOR NUZHAT SADIQ
Member-in-Charge

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

The meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training was held under the Chairpersonship of Senator Rahila Magsi on 10th January, 2017 at 12:30 pm at Old PIPS Hall, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

2. The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- i. To follow-up on the implementation status of the recommendations made by the Standing Committee in its meeting held on 4th October, 2016.
- ii. Consideration on the Private Member Bill titled "The Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2016 introduced by Senator Nuzhat Sadiq in the sitting of the Senate held on 21st November, 2016. The Chairman Senate referred the bill to the Committee for consideration and report.
- iii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. The following Members of the Standing Committee attended the meeting.

1. Senator Rahila Magsi	Chairperson
2. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
3. Senator Azam Khan Swati	Member
4. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
5. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
6. Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
7. Baligh-ur-Rehman	Minister

4. The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. The Chairperson Dr. Rahila Magsi inquired about the implementation status of the recommendations given by the Committee during the meeting of 4th October and updates were provided accordingly.

5. Report on implementation of Committee's recommendation on mismanagement and governance issues of Hazara University, Mansehra was submitted to Senate Committee. The management of Hazara University informed that post 18th Amendment some matters do not fall under the purview of HEC and a detailed report will be submitted in the next meeting.

6. The Minister of Federal Education, Mr. Baligh-ur-Rehman endorsed the above fact, he informed that after the 18th amendment the Ministry has less power, even the Governor is bound to act upon the advice of the Chief Minister and if any order is sent to the Governor for signatures for the second time, it is binding on him to approve it. He acknowledged that Parliament has the right to look into the matters of national importance, which leads to overall improvement of an institution. The input of the Parliamentarians and their collective wisdom leads to benefit of the nation, for instance, as per the rules the syndicate meeting of Hazara University should be held in every quarter and at least 3 to 4 meetings must be held annually. The syndicate meeting of Hazara University was not held since 2013 and the latest meeting was held in December 2016 after a gap of 3 years, only due to the emphasis laid by the Senate Sub-committee. The Committee observed that there were numerous governance issues and overall mismanagement in the administrative matters. Hazara University had been working without a permanent VC and important matters were being dealt on adhoc basis.

Due to persistent effort of the Senate Committee, vacant positions of VCs were filled in many universities of Pakistan including Hazara University. This healthy trend of reducing the culture of adhocism in higher education. It was initiated and supported by the Senate Committee.

7. However HEC's scope is limited since it is a funding body and is also tasked to recognize/verify the degrees. The provinces of Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan want less dormant role of HEC. They want funds should be given to them directly. The issue of giving more powers to HEC has been taken up in Council of Common Interests (CCI). HEC is a body for quality assurance. After CCI decision permanent role of HEC will be determined.

8. The Minister informed that the VCs of NUML, NDU and NUST are appointed by the GHQ. These institutions fall under Ministry of Defence.

9. Secretary Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training, Mr. Haseeb Athar informed that three provinces are represented in the National Curriculum Council. There is no member from Sindh but its representatives participate only as an observer. The Committee decided to look into this matter in the next meeting.

10. The Committee discussed agenda item No 2 "Consideration on the Private Member Bill titled "The Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill 2016 introduced by Senator Nuzhat Sadiq in the session of the Senate held on 21st November, 2016. The Chairman Senate referred the bill to the Committee for consideration and report.

11. Chairman FBISE discussed the advantages of the amendment of FBISE informed that this bill will facilitate the public in many ways. Transfer of Government Servants/Shifting from the area falling within the jurisdiction of FBISE to other areas in the country.

12. International Operations and Children of Pakistanis living abroad study in the institutions affiliated with FBISE. When these children return, they don't find any institution affiliated with FBISE in their locality to complete/improve their education.

13. Parity in Treatment of FBISE with other inland juvenile Boards, like AKUB, KIUB, AIOU and external International Examination Bodies (CIE, Edexcel, etc) in terms of their jurisdiction across Pakistan.

14. Scattered Distribution of Educational Institutions owned and operated by Federal Government/Organizations like WAPDA, Fauji Foundation, Atomic Energy, Overseas Pakistani Foundation, Frontier Corps and Fauji Fertilizer etc need to be brought into the lawful jurisdiction of FBISE.

15. The Members of the Committee appreciated the bill and agreed to the amendments in the bill. It is beneficial for the country and the people at large and the Committee accepted all clauses in the bill as it was introduced in the Annexure "A".

16. The Senate Committee took up a private member bill introduced by Senator Mian Atiq Shaikh in the Senate sitting held on 19th December, titled "The Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation), (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

17. Minister informed that the matter pertains to CADD and is not related to Ministry of Education. All Committee members also suggested that this should be taken up by the Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat. Senator Rahila Magsi agreed upon this opinion of the Senators.

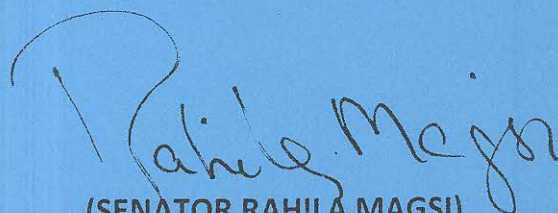
Recommendations.

- i. The Committee decided the provincial HED of KPK and Secretary to Chancellor will be called in the next meeting for the implementation of Committee recommendations.
- ii. It was unanimously agreed that the issue of non-representation of Sindh in the National Curriculum Council will be taken up in the next meeting of the Standing Committee.
- iii. It was agreed that HEC should work to prevent the decay in the educational institutions and all national institutions should be preserved.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.



(FAIQA ABDULHAYE)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR RAHILA MAGSI)
Chairperson Committee