

**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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**Bill**

*further to amend the Area Study Centres Act, 1975*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Area Study Centres Act, 1975 (XLV 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 Area Study Centres (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Omission of Section 9A, Act XLV of 1975.-** In the Area Study Centres Act, 1975 (XLV of 1975), section 9A shall be omitted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Area Study Centres Act, 1975, was amended by the Centres Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2002, wherein the powers to transfer to Centres was given to the Federal Government, which is against the basic principle and aims and objects of the Act, 1975. Insertion of Section 9A in the Act of 1975 has altered the basic structure of the Act of 1975. The Parliament legislated for providing an autonomous Area Study Centres receiving direct funding from the Federal Government, giving powers to the Board of Governors. Whereas, the amendment though Ordinance No. LVIII of 2002 has affected the autonomous status of the Area Study Centres and taken away powers of the Board of Governors by giving the same to the Federal Government. Omission of section 9A will restore the Act of 1975 to its original form and address the anomaly created by its insertion.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

**SENATOR SYED MUZAFAR HUSSAIN SHAH  
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**