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**[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**

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**BILL**

*further to amend the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Act, 2017*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Act, 2017 (XIV of 2017) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 18, Act XIV of 2017. -** In the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Act, 2017 (XIV of 2017), in section 18, the existing provision of section 18 shall be numbered as sub-section (1) and thereafter the following new sub-section (2) may be added, namely:-

"(2) The Federal Government shall lay before both the Houses of the Parliament, an annual report of the Council regarding the working and achievements of the Council during the particular year which shall be referred to the concerned Standing Committee of the Senate for examination and report."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Being cognizant of the importance of Science and Technology in modern era for building up a strong and self-reliant science and technology system and its effective working towards achievement of national goals, the Parliament of Pakistan enacted the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Act, 2017. Parliament being mother of all the Institutions and to discharge its oversight role needs to be kept abreast of the performance of the Institutions created by it.

2. Hence, the instant Bill to oblige the Federal Government to lay before the Parliament Annual Report of the working and achievements of the Council each and every year.

**SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN  
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**