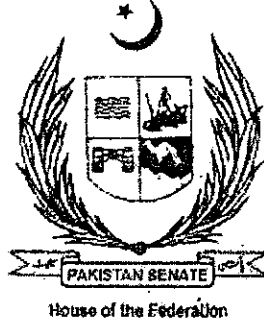


# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
FEDERAL EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, NATIONAL HERITAGE  
AND CULTURE  
ON  
"THE RIGHT TO FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL,  
2022" INTRODUCED BY SENATOR FAWZIA ARSHAD IN THE SENATE ON 7TH  
FEBRUARY, 2022.

**REPORT NO. 04 OF 2022**

**PRESENTED BY:**  
**SENATOR IRFAN-UL-HAQ SIDDIQUI**  
**CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE.**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### REPORT ON "THE RIGHT TO FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022" INTRODUCED BY SENATOR FAWZIA ARSHAD IN THE SENATE ON 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022.

I, Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui, Chairman Standing Committee on Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture, have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Bill titled ""The Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2022" introduced by Senator Fawzia Arshad in the Senate on 7th February, 2022.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:

I.	<b>Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
II.	Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
III.	Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary	Member
IV.	Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member/Mover
V.	Senator Falak Naz	Member
VI.	Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
VII.	Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
VIII.	Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Member
IX.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
X.	Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan	Member
XI.	Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
XII.	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
XIII.	Minister for Federal Education & Professional Training	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the Bill in its meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 and final consideration of the Bill was held in the meeting dated 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, attended by the following:



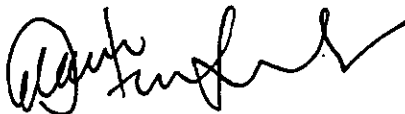
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4. During the course of discussions, the Committee deliberated upon the Bill in detail and sought views of the Mover and representatives from the Ministry. The summary of the proceedings of the meetings on the subject matter is provided below.

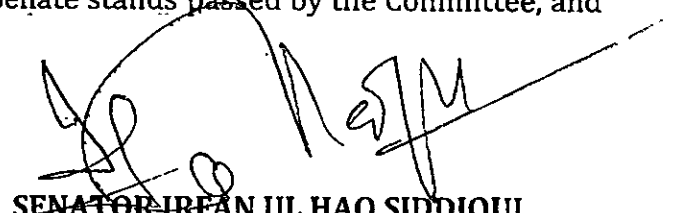
5. The Mover Senator Fawzia Arshad informed the Committee that the Bill seeks to provide free education to disadvantage children in the Islamabad Capital Territory through support of non-governmental organizations who otherwise are deprived of this constitutional right due to their socio-economic conditions.

6. The Additional Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training informed the Committee that the Ministry does not oppose the Bill in principle.

7. The Bill was then put for voting, whereas, all members present voted in favor of the Bill. Subsequently, the Bill as laid in the Senate stands passed by the Committee, and is placed at Annexure A.



**ADNAN IBNE ASAD**  
Secretary Committee



**SENATOR IRFAN UL HAQ SIDDIQUI**  
Chairman Committee

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

SENATE BILL NO. 123 OF 2022

A

**BILL** to amend the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012  
further to amend the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012

**WHEREAS** It is expedient further to amend the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012 (XXIV of 2012) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.**-(1) This Act may be called the Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 4, Act XXIV of 2012.** -In the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012 (XXIV of 2012), the existing section 4 shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) of section 4, and thereafter, in section 4 amended as aforesaid, the following new sub-sections shall be added, namely:-

“(2) Without prejudice to the rights conferred on disadvantaged children under other provisions of this Act or any other law for the time being in force, the Appropriate Government shall, either from its own resources or in collaboration with other bodies, arrange venues and other ancillary facilities for free and compulsory education to the disadvantaged children, in non-formal way, in each Union Council of the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) The Appropriate Government shall prescribe the timing of classes and other ancillary matters in such manner that maximum number of the disadvantaged children shall get benefit from it.

(4) No disadvantaged child, who is otherwise entitled under this section, shall be discriminated or deprived from free and compulsory education on any technical ground whatsoever.”

**STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS**

Right of every child to free and compulsory education is the fundamental right enshrined in Article 25A of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The State is under obligation to protect and ensure the right of every child to free and compulsory education.

Unfortunately there are many disadvantaged children in the Islamabad Capital Territory who cannot avail education in the formal way due to their weak socio-economic conditions. These children remain deprived from the constitutionally guaranteed right.

In order to ensure free and compulsory education to the disadvantaged children, it is necessary that special arrangement be made for them to get education. Through this Bill, along with the existing mechanism, an informal way to educate the disadvantaged children is suggested for which the government may collaborate with non-governmental organizations, corporate bodies, international organizations and individuals. The Bill seeks to provide maximum flexibility to the disadvantaged children in getting education, so that their constitutionally guaranteed right is protected and upheld.

The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

**SENATOR FAWZIA ARSHAD**  
Member-in-Charge