

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**



**REPORT NO---**

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

**ON**

**"The Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2024**

**PRESENTED BY**

**SENATOR IRFAN-UL-HAQUE SIDDIQUI**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON PRIVATE MEMBERS BILL TITLED "THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024." MOVED BY SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN IN THE SITTING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2024 AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AND REPORT.

I, Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui, the Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training have the honour to present, on behalf of Committee, this report on "The Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2024," moved by Senator Shahadat Awan in the sitting of the Senate held on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

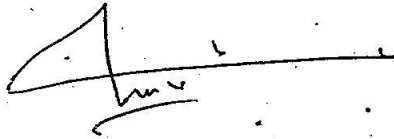
2. The Composition of the Standing Committee is given as under:-

1. Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Chairman
2. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
3. Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary	Member
4. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
5. Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
6. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
7. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad	Member
8. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
9. Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
10. Senator Khalida Sikandar Mandhro	Member
11. Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee held its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, however, upon the written request of the Mover, the Bill was deferred. The Committee held its second meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 for consideration of the Bill. The following Members attended the meeting:

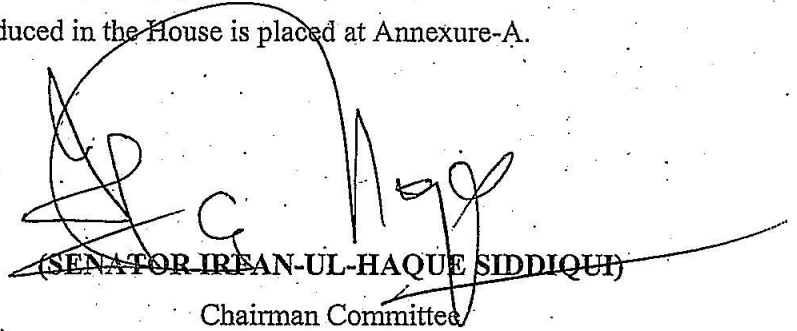
(i) Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui	Chairman
(ii) Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member/Mover
(iii) Senator Falak Naaz	Member
(vi) Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
(v) Senator Moulvi Faiz Mohammad	Member

4. Senator Shahadat Awan, the mover of the Bill stated that the Bill is about submission of Annual Report of Higher Education Commission to the Parliament and its Standing Committee for better oversight. Representative of H.E.C. stated that HEC is and has always remained compliant to the Parliament and its Standing Committees. Certain amendments in HEC's Ordinance are already in process in the Ministry. Furthermore, Parliament through its existing mechanism of scrutinizing the executive keeps an effective oversight over the policies of HEC. The Committee considered all clauses of the Bill and unanimously decided to recommend to pass the Bill without any amendment. **The Committee recommends that the House may pass the Bill.** The Bill as introduced in the House is placed at Annexure-A.



(ALAMZEB KHAN)

DS / Secretary Committee



(SENATOR IRFAN-UL-HAQUE SIDDIQUI)

Chairman Committee

Dated:-20-2-2024

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furth~~er~~ to amend the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance No.LIII of 2002), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act shall be called the Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Act, 2022,

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 14, Ordinance No.LIII of 2002.-** In the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance No.LIII of 2002), in section 14, after sub-section (5), the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-

"(6) The Controlling Authority shall lay before both the Houses of the Parliament, the report of the Commission received under sub-section (5), which shall be referred to the concerned Standing Committees of the Senate and National Assembly for examination and report."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC), is an independent, autonomous and constitutionally established institution of primary funding, overseeing, regulating and accrediting the higher education efforts in Pakistan under Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002. The Parliament being mother of all institutions and to discharge the role of oversight, needs to be kept abreast of the performance of the institutions created through the Act passed by it. Hence, this bill aims at prescribing the provision regarding oversight of Parliament upon working of the Commission by submission of annual report in both the Houses.

**SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN**  
Member- in-Charge