

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



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

ON

THE FEDERAL BOARD OF INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

INTRODUCED BY
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL TRAINING DR. KHALID
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ON 23RD MAY, 2025

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR BUSHRA ANJUM BUTT
CHAIRPERSON SSC ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING

SENATE SECRETARIAT

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON THE FEDERAL BOARD OF INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

I, Senator Bushra Anjum Butt, Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, have the honor to present report of the Committee on a Government Bill ” **THE FEDERAL BOARD OF INTERMEDIATE AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025** introduced by Minister For Education and Professional Training on 23rd May, 2025.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under: -

1. Senator Bushra Anjum Butt	Chairperson
2. Senator Ashraf Ali Jatoi	Member
3. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
4. Senator Falak Naz	Member
5. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
6. Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan	Member
7. Senator Rahat Jamali	Member
8. Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
9. Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member
10. Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
11. Senator Gurdeep Singh	Member
12. Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the Bill in its meeting held on 26th June, 2025 which was attended by the following Members:

1. Senator Bushra Anjum Butt	Chairperson
2. Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member
3. Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
4. Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan	Member
5. Senator Falak Naz	Member
6. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
7. Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
8. Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member
9. Senator Gurdeep Singh	Member
10. Senator Sherry Rehman	Mover
11. Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan	Mover
12. Senator Khalil Tahir	Mover
13. Senator Sarmad Ali	Mover

4. The Committee considered the Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025, introduced by the Federal Minister for Education. The Secretary of Education briefed the Committee on objects and reasons of the Bill, wherein, it was stated that the amendments aim to establish a comprehensive framework for regulating and conducting secondary and intermediate education in line with international best practices. The revised composition of the Board seeks to ensure broader stakeholder representation and support flexible decision-making and international collaboration.

5. Thereafter, the Bill was put to the vote of the Committee which was unanimously voted in favor of the Bill and recommended that, the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025 as referred in the Senate may be passed by the Senate. Copy of the Bill as introduced in the Senate is at Annexed-A. The Committee also gave approval of presentation of report of the Committee to the House. Hence, this report is presented to the House.



(GHULAM MUHAMMAD SHAR)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR BUSHRA ANJUM BUTT)
Chairperson Committee

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1975 (LXVIII of 1975), in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Bill shall be called the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 5, 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 5,-

(a) in clause (a), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted;

(b) in clause (b), for the words “University Grants Commission”, the words “Higher Education Commission” shall be substituted;

(c) in clause (c), for the words “Deputy Secretary”, the words “Joint Secretary” shall be substituted;

(d) in clause (k), the word “and”, at the end shall be omitted;

(e) for clause (1), the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“(1) one representative of each Provincial Government in the field of education and Secretary School Education of the Government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Government of Gilgit-Baltistan respectively;”;

(f) after clause (l), as amended aforesaid, the following new clauses shall be inserted, namely:-

“(m) Chief Executive Officer of the Software Export Board;

- (n) Chairperson of the Information Technology Department of the National University of Science and Technology;
- (o) Chairperson of the Information Technology Department of the National University of Technology; and
- (p) Director of the National Curriculum Council.”.

3. **Amendment of section 8, Act LXVIII of 1975.**— In the said Act, in section 8, in sub-section (2),-

- (a) after clause (d), the following new clause (da) shall be inserted, namely:-
“(da) to collaborate with national and international boards;”;
- (b) in clause (e), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted;
- (c) in clause (f), for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of section 11, Act of LXVIII of 1975.**- In the said Act, in section 11,-

- (a) for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-
“(1) The Chairman may be appointed by the Prime Minister either through initial appointment on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Prime Minister or on deputation basis, a government servant not less than BS-20.”; and
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the word “second term”; the word “renewable terms” shall be substituted.

5. **Amendment of section 12, Act LXVIII of 1975.**— In the said Act in section 12, in sub-section (1) for the words “Federal Government”, the words “Prime Minister” shall be substituted.

6. **Amendment of section 13, Act LXVIII of 1975.**- In the said Act, in section 13, in sub-section (2), for the proviso, the following shall be substituted:

“Provided that member of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Prime Minister.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

1. To strengthen government initiatives and ensure the provision of quality education for the general public, the role of intermediate and secondary education is of paramount importance. Achieving this goal requires aligning the rules and regulations of the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education with international standards and contemporary needs. Intermediate and secondary education serves as a critical foundation for students' future career development and cannot be overlooked.
2. Consequently, the Act has been amended to provide a comprehensive framework for the Board to organize, regulate, conduct, and oversee intermediate and secondary education in line with best practices. The proposed amendments aim to facilitate swift and flexible decision-making while enabling the Board to establish international collaborations. Furthermore, the composition of the Board has been revised to adopt a more inclusive approach, ensuring that the perspectives of all relevant stakeholders are considered in key decision-making processes.
3. These government measures are expected to serve as a catalyst for enhancing the quality of intermediate and secondary education, thereby removing obstacles to students' future career prospects.
4. The proposed amendment Bill is intended to achieve these objectives.

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