

[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]

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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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