

**A
BILL**

further 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, 2025.

(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.

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