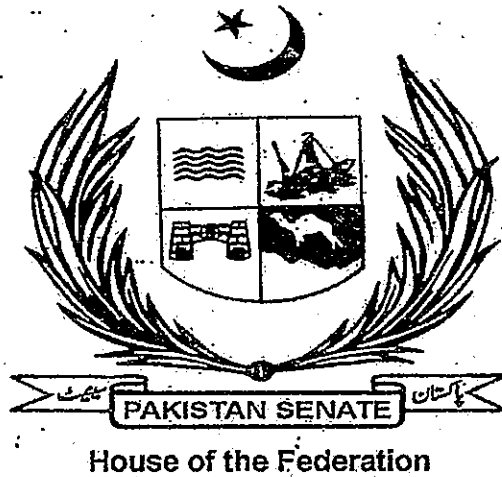

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION**

REPORT NO. 10 / 2026



**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INTERIOR ON INTERIOR ON 'THE PAKISTAN PENAL CODE
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026, MOVED BY SENATOR SARMAD
ALI, IN THE SENATE'S SITTING HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY,
2026**

**PRESENTED BY:
SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ON THE PAKISTAN PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 MOVED BY SENATOR SARMAD ALI, IN THE SENATE IN ITS SITTING HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 2026

I, Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman, Chairman Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026 moved by Senator Sarmad Ali, in the Senate in its sitting held on 23rd February, 2026 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Syedaal Khan	Member
3.	Senator Syed Faisal Ali Sabzwari	Member
4.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
5.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
6.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
7.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
8.	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
9.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
10.	Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
11.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
12.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
13.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
14.	Senator Abid Sher Ali	Member
15.	Minister for Interior	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the bill during its meeting held on 26th March, 2026 which was attended by the following Members:

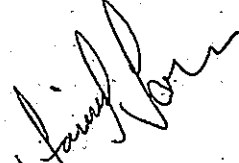
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5.	Senator Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
6.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
7.	Senator Sarmad Ali	Mover
8.	Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi	Mover
9.	Minister of State for Interior & Narcotics Control	Ex-officio Member

4. Senator Sarmad Ali, the mover of the bill, presented a brief background of the Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026. The Chairman thereafter sought the views of the Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control, which stated that it had no objection to the proposed legislation. Subsequently, the Chairman invited comments from the Members of the Committee, all of whom expressed their agreement.

5. The Committee, thereafter, recommended that the Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026, as introduced, be passed. (The bill, as introduced in the Senate, is placed at Annexure-A).

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(SARA SALEEM)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN)
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the 15th April, 2026.

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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BILL*further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860), in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall extend to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 361, Act XLV of 1860.- In the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, (XLV of 1860), hereinafter referred to as the said Code, in section 361, for the words, "sixteen years", the words "eighteen years" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 375, Act XLV of 1860.- In the said Code, in section 375, in paragraph (d), in description 'sixthly', for the words, 'sixteen years', the words "eighteen years" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The purpose of this Bill is to enhance the minimum age of protection for minors in relation to kidnapping and rape from sixteen years to eighteen years. At present, sections 361 and 375 of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, set the age threshold at sixteen years, which creates a legal gap and does not align with international standards. Pakistan is a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which defines a child as every person below the age of eighteen years. International best practices

and domestic legislation, such as the Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection Act, 2018, also recognize eighteen years as the appropriate threshold of childhood. The proposed amendment will harmonize the Pakistan Penal Code with these obligations and ensure stronger protection for children against kidnapping, abduction, and sexual exploitation. It will also fulfill Pakistan's commitments under international conventions and provide greater safeguards to vulnerable children, particularly young girls, who are often subjected to exploitation due to ambiguities in the law. By raising the age limit, the law will provide comprehensive protection and ensure that the rights of children are effectively safeguarded.

2. The Bill is designed to achieve the aforesaid object.

SENATOR SARMAD ALI
Member-In-Charge