**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 59 of 2025**

**THE LAHORE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, LAHORE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025**

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Bill

*to amend the Lahore Institute of Science and Technology, Lahore Act 2021 (XLV of 2021).*

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Lahore Institute of Science and Technology, Lahore Act 2021 for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be cited as the Lahore Institute of Science and Technology, Lahore (Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. General amendment in Act XLV of 2021.-** In Lahore Institute of Science and Technology, Lahore Act 2021 *(XLV of 2021)*, hereinafter referred to as 'the Act':

(i) for the expression, "Lahore Institute of Science and Technology, Lahore", wherever occur, the expression, "University of Science and Technology. Lahore" shall be substituted; and

(ii) for the words "Institute", wherever occur, the words "University" shall be substituted except for:

-Section 4(i) before word "programs"

-Section 4(q) before word "Professorship"

-Section 4(s) before word "and"

-The First Statutes in Section 3

**3. Amendment in section 2 of Act XLV of 2021.**- In the Act, in section 2:

(i) after clause (a), the following new clause (aa), shall be added:

"(aa) Affiliated College" means a College duly affiliated by the University".

(ii) for clause (f), the following shall be substituted:

"(f) Constituent college" means a college or institute established, owned, maintained and administered by the University";

(iii) after clause (f), the following new clause (ff) shall be added:

"(ff) College" means a Constituent College or an Affiliated College of the University":

(iv) clause (o) shall be omitted;

(v) for clause (q), the following shall be substituted:

"(q) Prescribed" means prescribed by the Board, Rules, Statutes or Regulations"; and

(vi) after clause (w), the following new clause (x) shall be added:

"(x) "University" means University of Science and Technology. Lahore established under the Act."

**4. Amendment in section 3 of Act XLV of 2021.**- In the Act, in section 3, for sub-section (1), the following shall be substituted:

"(1) A University to be called as University of Science and Technology, Lahore, stands established in the private sector with its principal campus located at Lahore."

**5. Amendment in section 4 of Act XLV of 2021.**- In the Act, in section 4:

(i) for clause (a), the following shall be substituted:

“(a) Provide instruction, establishment, administration and training in the following Faculties and their allied branches of knowledge as may be determined by the Board from time to time:

(i) Management Sciences; Sciences; Arts and Social Sciences; Engineering and Technology; Computer Sciences and Information Technology; Law; Agriculture; Food and Culinary Sciences; and

(ii) such other branches of faculties and knowledge, as the Board may determine, subject to approval of the relevant statutory body of professional education, where applicable. The Board shall be competent to approve departments for the faculties of the university on the recommendations of the Academic Council from time to time.”

(ii) for clause (b), the following shall be substituted:

"(b) establish, maintain, manage, regulate and administer Authorities of the University, Faculties, departments, Colleges, teaching hospitals, laboratories, organizations, bodies, trusts and such other facilities as the Board may determine and approve from time to time";

(iii) for clause (e) the following shall be substituted:

"(e) decide teaching methods and strategies including on-campus, online, distance learning, or any other teaching method as may be approved by the Board;"

(iv) after clause (z) the following new clauses shall be inserted:

"(aa) start Sandwich Programs and Split Programs between National and International Universities and to collaborate with other educational institutions in all academic matters;"

"(bb) affiliate other educational institutions and otherwise admit any such educational Institutes to the University's privileges or withdraw such privileges and to determine and demand such fees etc. as may be prescribed for the said admission to the University's privileges;"

"(cc) enter into lease agreements for property and equipment as may be required for the operations and benefits of the University;" and

"(dd) invest and manage the University fund and/or seek loans and financial facilities in the manner as may be prescribed by the Board.;

**6. Amendment in section 6 of Act XLV of 2021.**- (1) In the Act, in section 6,

(i) sub-section (1) shall be omitted.

(ii) for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted:

"(2) The University may grant affiliation to any other educational institution and open local and offshore sub-campuses and constituent colleges with approval of the Board."

**7. Amendment in section 8 of Act XLV of 2021.-** In the Act, in section 8, sub-section (3) shall be omitted.

**8. Amendment in section 10 of Act XLV of 2021.**- In section 10, for sub-sections (1) and (2), the following shall be substituted:

"The Board shall, on the recommendations of the Search Committee, appoint a person as Rector amongst the panel of three persons recommended by Search Committee for a term of three years on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board.”

**9. Amendment in section 12 of Act XLV of 2021.-** In section 12, following shall be substituted:

"Subject to the conditions as may be prescribed, if the office of the Rector is vacant, or the Rector is absent or is unable to perform the functions of his office due to illness or some other cause, the board shall make arrangements for the performance of the duties of the Rector by any other person, as it may deem fit till such time a new Rector is appointed as per Section 10 of this Act".

**10. Amendment in section 19 of Act XLV of 2021.-** (1) In section 19:

(a) in sub-section (2):

(i) clause (b) shall be omitted.

(ii) for clause (c), the following shall be substituted:

"(c) The Board shall make, prescribe, approve, amend or repeal the Statutes (including First Statutes), Regulations, Rules or Proceeding of the University";

(iii) for clause (d), the following shall be substituted:

"(d) Create or restructure a component of the University such as Faculty, department, Campuses, College or University, subject to the provisions of this Act";

(b) sub-section (3) shall be omitted.

**11. Amendment in section 20 of Act XLV of 2021.-** (1) In the Act, in section 20, for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted:

"(2) No Statutes, Regulations, Rules, etc. of the Board shall be invalid by reason of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Board".

**12. Amendment in section 21 of Act XLV of 2021.**- In section 21, sub-section (2), clause (a) shall be substituted:

“(a) Make the Statutes or Regulations;”.

**13. Amendment in section 26, 27 and 29 of Act XLV of 2021.** In the Act, for sections 26, 27 and 29, the following shall be substituted:

**“(26) Statutes, Regulations and Rules.-** The Board may make, approve, repeal or amend the First Statutes, Statutes, Regulations, Rules or Policies as maybe required to regulate, manage, regularize and administer any matter relating to the affairs of the University”.

**14. Amendment in section 28 of Act XLV of 2021.-** In the Act, section 28 shall be omitted.

**15. Amendment in section 30 of Act XLV of 2021.**- In the Act, for section 30, the following be substituted:

“**30. Removal of difficulties.**- (1) If any question arises as to the interpretation of any of the provision of this Act, it shall be placed before the Chairman and his decision shall be final.

(2) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, the Chairman may make such order after obtaining views of the Board; not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as may appear to him to be necessary for removing the difficulty.

(3) Where this Act makes any provision for anything to be done but no provision or no sufficient provisions have been made in respect of the authority or the time at which it shall be done, then it shall be done by such authority, at such time, or in such manner as the Chairman may direct after obtaining the views of the Board.”.

**16. Addition of section 31 of Act XLV of 2021.** After section 30, the following new section shall be added:

**“31. Validation.-** (1) After promulgation of Lahore Institute of Science and Technology (Amendment) Act 2025, the Act would be called as University of Science and Technology, Lahore Act.

(2) The amendments, omissions, insertions and substitutions made in the Act, shall be deemed to have been so made with effect from the commencement day of this Act.”

**17. Amendment in Schedule of Act XLV of 2021.-** In the Schedule of the Act, for para 2, the following be substituted:

“(2) The University shall include the following Faculties and such Faculties as may be prescribed:

(a) Management Sciences;

(b) Sciences;

(c) Arts and Social Sciences;

(d) Engineering and Technology;

(e) Computer Sciences and Information Technology;

(f) Law;

(g) Agriculture; and

(h) Food and Culinary Sciences.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Lahore Institute of Science and Technology, Lahore Act 2021 (Act XLV of 2021) is the existing law. To provide quality and market oriented education to the people of relatively less privileged area, it is expedient to carry out necessary amendments in the Act. It will be fruitful in promoting the culture of Research and Development in the province and ultimately contribute in economic development of the county by inducting skilled manpower. Hence this bill.

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**April 22, 2025 Secretary General**