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### PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

#### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION REGARDING "THE NEXT INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025 (BILL NO. 68 OF 2025) MOVED BY MS RAHILA KHADIM HUSSAIN, MPA (W-304)".

The subject Bill was referred to the Committee on 13.05.2025 and the same was considered by the Committee in its meeting held on 15.05.2025.

2. The following were present:

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| 1. | Mr Noor ul Amin Wattoo, MPA (PP-188)                               | <b>Chairperson</b>       |
| 2. | Rana Sikandar Hayat<br>Minister for Higher Education               | <i>ex-Officio</i> Member |
| 3. | Mr Muhammad Ajmal Khan<br>Parliamentary Secretary Higher Education | <i>ex-Officio</i> Member |
| 4. | Mr Muhammad Ahmad Khan Leghari, MPA (PP-291)                       | Member                   |
| 5. | Mr Ali Hussain Khan, MPA (PP-83)                                   | Member                   |
| 6. | Mr Falak Sher Awan, MPA (PP-22)                                    | Member                   |
| 7. | Ms Rahila Khadim Hussain, MPA (W-304)                              | <b>Member Incharge</b>   |

3. Ms Zahida Azhar, Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department, Iqbal Khan, Chairman, Punjab Higher Education Commission and Mr Muhammad Nadir, Additional Director, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, represented their departments. Ch Amer Habib, Secretary General, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. Ms Rahila Khadim Hussain, MPA (W-304)/Member Incharge apprised the Committee about the objects and reasons of the Bill. She stated that the Next Institute of Science and Technology will be an institution of excellence aiming at imparting instructions in various branches of knowledge. As an institution, it will contribute in achieving overall goals in terms of quality teaching, research and development. The purpose of the proposed Bill to include faculty of Allied Health Sciences. She requested the Committee to recommend the Bill for passage by the Assembly.

5. The Committee, after hearing the members, having viewpoints of the Administrative Department and Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, decided to recommend the Bill for passage by the Assembly subject to the following amendment:

AMENDMENT IN THE BILL

Clause 3

Clause 3 be omitted and the subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly.

6. The copies of the Bill, as introduced in the Assembly and as recommended by the Committee, are given at Annexure "A" and "B", respectively.

Lahore:  
May 15, 2025

(NOOR UL AMIN WATTOO)  
Chairperson  
Standing Committee on Higher Education

Lahore:  
May 15, 2025

  
(CH AMER HABIB)  
Secretary General  
Provincial Assembly of the Punjab

(Bill as introduced in the Assembly)

# PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

Bill No. 68 of 2025

## THE NEXT INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025

A

Bill

*to amend the Next Institute of Science and Technology Act 2025.*

It is expedient to amend the Next Institute of Science and Technology Act 2025 (XXX of 2025) for the purposes 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 Next Institute of Science and Technology (Amendment) Act 2025.  
(2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Amendment of Section 4 of Act XXX of 2025.**— In the Next Institute of Science and Technology Act 2025 (XXX of 2025), hereinafter referred to as 'the Act', in section 4:
  - (i) in clause (a), in para (i), after the expression "Faculty of Law;", the expression "Faculty of Allied Health Sciences;", shall be inserted; and
  - (ii) in the proviso, the words "listed above or", shall be omitted.
3. **Amendment of Section 6 of Act XXX of 2025.**— In section 6, in sub-section (2), for the word "ten", the word "three;", shall be substituted.
4. **Amendment of Section 12 of Act XXX of 2025.**— In section 12, for the words "as it may deem fit" the words "on the recommendations of the Board", shall be substituted.
5. **Addition of section 31 of Act XXX of 2025.**— after section 30, the following new section 31, shall be added:

**"31. Savings.**— Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, an examination conducted by the affiliating public sector Universities prior to the coming into force of the Act, shall be deemed to be the examination conducted by the Institute under the Act, the Institute may award degree, diploma or certificate on the basis of such examination, subject to the consenting choice of already enrolled students."
6. **Amendment of the Schedule of Act XXX of 2025.**— In the Schedule, in Paragraph 1, in sub-paragraph (2), after clause (a), the following new clause (b) shall be added and remaining clauses be renumbered accordingly:

"(b) Faculty of Allied Health Sciences;"

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND REASONS**

The Next Institute of Science and Technology will be an institution of excellence aiming at imparting instructions in various branches of knowledge. As an institution, it will contribute in achieving overall goals in terms of quality teaching, research and development. The purpose of the proposed Bill to include faculty of Allied Health Sciences. Hence this Bill.

**MS RAHILA KHADIM HUSSAIN**  
**MPA (W-304)**  
**MEMBER INCHARGE**

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**Lahore:**  
**May 13, 2025**

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**CH AMER HABIB**  
**Secretary General**

(Bill as recommended by the Standing Committee on Higher Education)

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