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### PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

#### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME REGARDING “THE ANTI-TERRORISM (PUNJAB AMENDMENT) BILL 2025 (BILL NO. 71 OF 2025)”

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 16.05.2025.

2. The following were present:

1.	Rana Abdul Mannan Sajid, MPA (PP-272)	<b>Acting Chairperson</b>
2.	Ms Safia Saeed, MPA (W-323)	Member
3.	Mr Tariq Subhani, MPA (PP-45)	Member
4.	Mr Jaffar Ali Hocha, MPA (PP-102)	Member
5.	Mr Farrukh Javaid, MPA (PP-161)	Member

3. Mr Imran Hussain Ranjha, Additional Secretary (Judicial), Government of the Punjab, Home Department and Mr Shan Ul Haq, Special Director, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, represented their respective departments. Mr Khalid Mahmood, Secretary (Parliamentary Affairs), Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, functioned as Secretary to Committee.

4. The Additional Secretary (Judicial), Home Department apprised the Committee about the objects and reasons of the Bill. He stated that recent wave of terrorism necessitates extra-ordinary measures and it is expedient to confer the power of preventive detention for the purposes of inquiry to the law enforcement agencies for the period of two years as a temporary arrangement. He requested that the Bill, as introduced, may be recommended for passage by the Assembly.

5. The Committee, after hearing the members, having viewpoints of the Administrative Department and Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department and having detailed deliberations, decided to recommend the bill, as introduced, for passage by the Assembly.

6. A copy of the Bill, as introduced in the Assembly and as recommended by the Committee is **Annexed**

Lahore:  
May 16, 2025

(RANA ABDUL MANNAN SAJID)  
Acting Chairperson  
Standing Committee on ~~Home~~

Lahore:  
May 16, 2025

(CH AMER HABIB)  
Secretary General

(Bill as introduced in the Assembly and as recommended by the  
Standing Committee on Home)

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Bill

*further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997.*

It is necessary further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997) for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

It is hereby enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be cited as the Anti-terrorism (Punjab Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 11EEEE of Act XXVII of 1997.**- In the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 (XXVII of 1997), in section 11EEEE:

(a) in sub-section (1), after the existing proviso, for the full stop, colon shall be substituted and thereafter, the following shall be inserted:

“Provided further that provision of sub- section (3) shall not apply to such person.”;

(b) in sub-section (2), for the existing proviso, the following shall be substituted:

“Provided that where the detention order has been issued by the armed forces or civil armed forces under sub-section (1), the inquiry shall be conducted by the joint investigation team comprising of a police officer, not below the rank of Superintendent of Police, member of intelligence agencies, civil armed forces, armed forces and other law enforcing agencies.”; and

(c) for sub-section (2A) and the proviso thereunder, the following shall be substituted:

“(2A) The provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) shall remain in force for a period of two years from the commencement of the Anti-terrorism (Punjab Amendment) Act 2025.”.

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