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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION REGARDING "THE LAHORE LEADS UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2024 (BILL NO. 16 OF 2024)"

The subject Bill was referred to the Committee on 21.01.2025 and the same was considered by the Committee in its meetings held on 22.01.2025 and 10.04.2025.

2. The following were present:—

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| 1. Mr Muhammad Ahmad Khan Leghari, MPA (PP-291) | Acting Chairperson |
| 2. Rana Sikandar Hayat | <i>ex-Officio</i> Member |
| Minister for Higher Education | |
| 3. Mr Muhammad Ajmal Khan | <i>ex-Officio</i> Member |
| Parliamentary Secretary Higher Education | |
| 4. Ms Hameeda Mian, MPA (W-320) | Member |
| 5. Mr Muhammad Aoun Jahangir, MPA (PP-39) | Member |
| 6. Mr Falak Sher Awan, MPA (PP-22) | Member |
| 7. Mr Noor ul Amin Wattoo, MPA (PP-188) | Chairperson/
Member Incharge |

3. Ms Zahida Asghar, Additional Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Higher Education Department and Mr Muhammad Nadir, Additional Director, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, represented their respective departments. Mr Amer Habib, Secretary General, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. Mr Noor Ul Amin Wattoo MPA (PP-188)/Mover of the bill apprised the Committee about the objects and reasons of the subject Bill. He stated that the Lahore Leads University Act, 2011 was passed by the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab in 2011 for the establishment of Lahore Leads University in private sector with their limited academic scope and functions. The University was established and it had been performing its functions successfully for the last more than one decade. With the passage of time, the public policies underwent changes for improving and promoting higher education, therefore the role of the private sector universities had also been significantly expanded. The Lahore Leads University, being a private sector University, also needed to synchronize its role and functions according to the ever-changing landscape of higher education and correspondently changing public policies during the recent years, the University management experienced a number of impediments while performing the academic and administrative functions of the university. This

necessitated enhancing its academic scope and improving administrative mechanism enabling to pursue the core objects of importing knowledge and skills to the young generation in the emerging fields of science and technology. This Bill has been presented for improving the academic scope and administrative framework of the University for promoting the cause of higher education and implementing the public policy effectively and efficiently. He requested the Committee that the Bill, as introduced, may be recommended for passage by the Assembly.

5. The Committee, after hearing the members, having viewpoint of the Administrative Department as well as Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department and considering the Bill clause by clause, recommended that the bill may be passed by the Assembly, subject to the following amendments:

AMENDMENTS IN THE BILL

Clause 1

In clause 1, in sub-clause (1), for the figure "2024", the figure "2025" be substituted.

Clause 2

In clause 2:

- i) in the proposed clause (aa), for the word "Board", the word, "Chancellor" be substituted; and
- ii) in the proposed clause (dd), for the word "Board", the word, "Chancellor" be substituted.

Clause 3

Clause 3 appearing for the second time and subsequent clauses in renumbered accordingly; and in clause 3:

- i) in the proposed clause (a) (i), after the word "determine", the words, "subject to the prior approval of the relevant statutory body of a professional education", be added.
- ii) in the proposed clause (zz), for the word "Board", the word, "Chancellor" be substituted.

Renumbered Clause 4

In the proposed sub-section (3), for the word "Board", wherever occur, the word, "Chancellor" be substituted.

Renumbered Clause 5

For the proposed sub-section (1), the following be substituted.

"(1) The Chancellor, on the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Board shall appoint the Vice Chancellor, who shall be an eminent scholar of repute or distinguished administrator, for a period of three years, on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine:

Provided that the Chancellor may extend the initial period of his appointment on his own discretion on such terms and conditions as he may determine."

Renumbered Clause 12

- i) the amendment at serial No.(iv) be omitted and remaining amendments be re-numbered accordingly:
- ii) in the amendment at renumbered serial No.(iv), for the proposed paragraph 8(1)(c), the following be substituted:


“(c) Treasurer who shall be the Secretary of the Committee;”

6. A copy of the Bill as introduced in the Assembly is at Annexure-A, and a copy of the Bill as recommended by the Committee is Annexure-B.

Lahore:
April 10, 2025

(Muhammad Ahmad Khan Leghari)
Acting Chairperson
Standing Committee on
Higher Education

Lahore:
April 10, 2025


(Ch Amer Habib)
Secretary General
Provincial Assembly of the Punjab

(Bill as introduced in the Assembly)

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

Bill No. 16 of 2024

THE LAHORE LEADS UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2024

A
Bill

to amend the Lahore Leads University Act, 2011.

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Lahore Leads University Act, 2011 (III of 2011) for the purpose 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 Leads University (Amendment) Act 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment in section 2 of Act III of 2011.- In the Lahore Leads University Act, 2011 (III of 2011),), hereinafter referred to as 'the Act, in section 2:

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

"(aa) "Affiliated College" means an Affiliated College of the University approved by the Board";

(ii) in clause (d), after the words "constituent college", the words "affiliated college", shall be added;

(iii) after clause (d), the following new clause (dd) shall be added:

"(dd) "College" means a Constituent College or an Affiliated College of the University approved by the Board";

3. Amendment in section 4 of Act III of 2011.- In the Act, in section 4,

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

"(a) provide for education in:

(i) natural and applied sciences, engineering, management sciences, computing, social sciences, arts and humanities, emerging technologies, and other such branches of knowledge as it may deem fit, and make provisions for research, service to the society and for the application, advancement, and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;

(ii) Such other branches of knowledge and Faculties as the Board may determine provided that, where applicable, subject to the approval of the relevant statutory body of a professional education. The Board shall be competent to approve departments, constituent colleges, or institutes comprising of the Faculties of the University on the

recommendations of the relevant statutory bodies from time to time.”; and

- (ii) After clause (y) the following new clauses shall be added:
 - “(z) decide teaching methods and strategies including on-campus, online, distance learning, or any other teaching or instructional methods as may be prescribed and approved by the Board;
 - (zz) establish, maintain, manage, regulate and administer authorities of University, faculties, departments, institutes, schools, colleges, museums, laboratories, teaching hospitals, organizations, bodies, trusts and other centers of learning, whatever name called, for development of teaching and research as may be prescribed and approved by the Board;
 - (zzz) affiliate other educational institutions and colleges, establish constituent colleges and other wise admit any educational institution to the University's privileges or withdraw such privileges and to determine and demand such fees etc. as may be prescribed by the Board for the said admission and/or related to the University's privileges;
 - (zzzz) collaborate with foreign partners in developing degree programs and promote linkages; and
 - (zzzzz) develop an associated technology park of international standard.”.

3. Amendment in section 6 of Act III of 2011.- In the Act, in section 6, sub-clause (3) shall be substituted with the following:

“(3) After the expiry of the period mentioned in sub-section (2) notwithstanding anything in sub-section (1) the Board may allow opening of sub-campuses, constituent colleges, and affiliated colleges within the province and abroad subject to such terms and conditions as may be determined and approved by the Board.”.

4. Amendment in section 10 of Act III of 2011.- In the Act, in section 10, sub-clause (1) shall be substituted with the following:

“(1) The Board, on the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Board shall appoint the Vice Chancellor, who shall be an eminent scholar of repute or distinguished administrator, for a period of three years, on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine. The Board may extend the initial period of his appointment on its own discretion on such terms and conditions as it may determine.”.

5. Amendment in section 17 of Act III of 2011.- In the Act, in section 17;

- (i) sub-clause (1)(b) shall be substituted with the following:
 - “(b) Maximum eight members to be nominated by the Trust;”.
- (ii) sub-clause (1)(d) shall be omitted.

6. Amendment in section 18 of Act III of 2011.- In the Act, in section 18; for sub-clause (2)(b) shall be substituted with the following:

“(b) The Board may from time to time make, amend, approve or repeal Statutes, Rules and Regulations for administration, management and regulation of the functions and affaires of the University;”.

7. Amendment in section 25 of Act III of 2011.- In the Act, section 25 shall be omitted.

8. Amendment in section 26 of Act III of 2011.- In the Act, section 26:

- (i) sub-clause (1) shall be omitted;
- (ii) sub-clause (2) shall be substituted with the following:
 "(2) The Statutes, Rules, and Regulations shall come into force after the approval of the Board."

9. Amendment in section 28 of Act III of 2011.- In the Act, section 28 shall be omitted.

10. Amendment in section 29 of Act III of 2011.- In the Act, for section 29, the following shall be substituted:

"29. Removal of difficulties.- If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, the Board may give such directions, not inconsistent with the Act, as it may consider necessary for the removal of such difficulty."

11. Amendment in Schedule of Act III of 2011.- In the Act, in the Schedule:

- (i) Paragraph 1 shall be substituted with the following:
 "(1) The University shall include the following faculties and such other faculties as may be prescribed, namely:
 - (a) Arts and Humanities;
 - (b) Social Sciences;
 - (c) Management Sciences
 - (d) Natural and Applied Sciences
 - (e) Computing Sciences;
 - (f) Engineering and Emerging Technologies;
 - (g) Medical, Dental and Allied Health Sciences;
 - (h) Agriculture and Animal Sciences,
 - (i) any other faculty, department or institute with the approval of the Board."
- (ii) Paragraph 6(1)(f) shall be substituted with the following:
 "(f) One subject specialist to be nominated by the Board";
- (iii) Paragraph 6(1)(g) shall be added as follows:
 "(g) Head of the Administrative Department concerned for administrative post;"
- (iv) Paragraph 6(2) shall be substituted with the following:
 "(2) The Registrar shall be the Member/Secretary of the Selection Board";
- (v) Paragraph 8(1)(c) shall be substituted with the following:
 "(c) The Treasurer shall be the Member/Secretary"
- (vi) Paragraph 8(1)(e) shall be omitted:
- (vii) Paragraph 8(1)(g) shall be substituted with the following:
 "(g) Director Planning and Development of the University;"

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Lahore Leads University Act, 2011 was passed by the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab in 2011 for the establishment of Lahore Leads University in private sector with their limited academic scope and functions. The university was established and it had been performing its functions successfully for the last more than one decade. With the passage of time the public policies underwent changes for improving and promoting higher education, there for the role of the private sector universities had also been significantly expanded. The Lahore Leads University being a private sector university also needed to synchronize its role and functions according to the ever changing landscape of higher education and correspondently changing public policies during the last more than a decade of implementing the Lahore Leads University Act 2011, the University management experienced a number of impediments while performing the academic and administrative functions of the university. This necessitated to enhance its academic scope and improve administrative mechanism enabling to pursue the core objects of importing knowledge and skills to the young generation in the emerging fields of science and technology. Hence, this Bill for amendment of the Lahore Leads University Act 2011 has been presented for improving the academic scope and administrative framework of the University for promoting the cause of higher education and implementing the public policy effectively and efficiently.

MR NOOR UL AMIN WATTOO, MPA (PP-188)
MEMBER INCHARGE

Lahore:
October 29, 2024

CH AMER HABIB
Secretary General

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