

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Subject:- REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION ON THE PAKISTAN PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNCIL BILL, 2018

I, the Chairman Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, have the honor to present this report on the Bill to establish the Pakistan Psychological Council Bill, 2018 referred to the Standing Committee on 11th December, 2018.

2. The Standing Committee comprises the following Members:-

(1)	Mr. Khalid Hussain MagSI	Chairman
(2)	Dr. Haider Ali Khan	Member
(3)	Mr. Nasir Khan Musazai	Member
(4)	Mr. Jai Parkash	Member
(5)	Raja Khurram Shahzad Nawaz	Member
(6)	Dr. Muhammad Afzal Khan Dhandla	Member
(7)	Dr. Nausheen Hamid	Member
(8)	Dr. Seemi Bokhari	Member
(9)	Ms. Fouzia Behram	Member
(10)	Ms. Naureen Farooq Khan	Member
(11)	Professor Shahnaz Naseer Baloch	Member
(12)	Mr. Nisar Ahmad Cheema	Member
(13)	Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad Malik	Member
(14)	Dr. Samina Matloob	Member
(15)	Dr. Darshan	Member
(16)	Mr. Mahesh Kumar Malani	Member
(17)	Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro	Member
(18)	Mr. James Iqbal	Member
(19)	Mr. Ramesh Lal	Member
(20)	Ms. Sams-un-Nisa	Member
(21)	Dr. Zafar Mirza	Ex-officio Member

Special Assistant to PM for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination

3. The Committee in its meetings held on 27th August, 2019 & 4th November, 2019 considered the Bill in detail and unanimously approved the same without any amendment. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly (Annexure-A) be passed.

-Sd/-

(TAHIR HUSSAIN)

Secretary

Islamabad, the 14th November, 2019

-Sd/-

(MR. KHALID HUSSAIN MAGSI)

Chairman

Standing Committee on National Health Services,
Regulations and Coordination

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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BILL

to provide for the establishment of Pakistan Psychological Council

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish an international standard council named as Pakistan Psychological Council to register psychologists and to recognize institutions and organizations in public and private sectors imparting psychological research and knowledge and education in order to regulate and encourage and to promote research training, technological development with value, ideals, ethical standards and professional knowledge and matters connected therewith and incidental thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Pakistan Psychological Council Act, 2019.

- (2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.- In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

- (a) "Act" means the Pakistan Psychological Council Act, 2018;
- (b) "Board of Governors" means the Board of Governors of the Pakistan Psychological Council;
- (c) "Council" means the Pakistan Psychological Council constituted under this Act.
- (d) "Director" means the Director of administrative wing or institute for research and training;
- (e) "directing staff" means directing staff of the Council constituted under this Act;
- (f) "institute" means policy making institute for the training, research and development in the field of psychology;
- (g) "member" means the member of the Board of Governors;
- (h) "President" means the President of the Council;
- (i) "registered psychologists" means a psychologist having at least master degree or equivalent or sixteen years of education with two years experience in the field of psychology, applied psychology, behavioral sciences and registered as such with the Council;
- (j) "prescribed" means prescribed by statutes, regulations or rules under this Act;
- (k) "PPA" means Pakistan Psychological Association;
- (l) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the Council;

- (m) "statutes" "regulations" and "rules" mean the statutes, regulations and rules made or deemed to have been made under this Act;
- (n) "Secretary Administration" means the Secretary administration of the Council; and
- (o) "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the Council.

CHAPTER II COUNCIL AND BOARD

3. Establishment of the Council.- (1) As soon as may be, after the commencement of this Act, the Federal Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish a council to be known as the Pakistan Psychological Council for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) The principal office and establishments of the Council shall be at Islamabad and it may set up its offices in the provincial capitals or at such place or places in the country as it may deem appropriate.

(3) The Council shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its own name and, subject to and for the purposes of this Act, may enter into contracts and may acquire, purchase, take, hold and enjoy moveable and immovable property of every description and may convey, assign, surrender, yield-up, charge, mortgage, demise, reassign, transfer or otherwise dispose of or deal with, any moveable or immovable property or any interest vested in it.

(4) The common seal of the Council shall be kept in the custody of the President or such other person as may be prescribed by regulations and documents required or permitted to be executed under the common seal shall be specified and authenticated in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations.

4. Composition of the Council.- (1) The Pakistan Psychological Council shall consist of .-

- (a) President and members of Board of Governors;
- (b) Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer and the Directors; and
- (c) directing staff.

5. Board of Governors.- The Council shall have the Board of Governors comprising .-

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| (a) President, Pakistan Psychological Council with minimum twenty years of experience | <i>Elected by registered psychologists</i> |
| (b) Five Vice-Presidents one from each province and Federal Capital | <i>Elected by registered psychologists</i> |
| (c) one MNA, (psychologist or behavioural scientist) nominated by the Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan | <i>Member</i> |
| (d) Executive Director Higher Education Commission | <i>Member</i> |
| (e) From each province one psychologist working in education, health, or Provincial Public Service Commission with minimum fifteen years of experience nominated by Provincial Governments | <i>Ex-officio Members</i> |
| (f) President Pakistan Psychological Association | <i>Ex-officio Member</i> |

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| (g) | Registrar of the Council | <i>Secretary</i> |
| (h) | Ten elected members with minimum fifteen years of experience from registered psychologists | <i>Members</i> |
| (i) | two professors of psychology or applied psychology with highest international publications to be nominated by Higher Education Commission. | |

6. Functions of the Board of Governors .- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board of Governors shall be the supreme body of the Pakistan Psychological Council.

(2) The Board of Governors shall perform the following functions, namely: -

- (a) to formulate or approve the policies and the plans governing the activities of the Council;
- (b) to review and approve the creation of any component of the Council as considered important to assist or improve the functioning of the Council;
- (c) to consider annual reports and budgets relating to the activities of the Council;
- (d) to make arrangements for the financial stability of the Council for ensuring the future operations, the continuity and preservation of the autonomy of the Council and its activities;
- (e) to approve all kinds of appointments;
- (f) to attend the grievances and matters of disputes; and
- (g) to take such initiatives as it may be consider necessary or desirable for the efficient and effective management and functioning of the Council;

(3) No act or proceedings of the Board of Governors shall be invalid by reason only of existence of a vacancy in, or defect in, the constitution of the Board of Governors;

(4) The Board of Governors shall meet twice in a year. Special meeting thereof may be called by the President or requisitioned in writing by not less than one-third members of the Board of Governors;

(5) Not less than seven clear days notice of a special meeting shall be given to the members of the Board of Governors and agenda of the meeting shall be provided.

(6) The decision of the Board of Governors shall be based on the majority vote of the members present and voting.

(7) In case of the equality of votes, the President shall have a casting vote.

(8) The meetings of the Board of Governors shall be convened by the Secretary of the Board of Governors with the prior approval of the President. In case of absence of the President, the members present may elect the chairperson for that meeting.

(9) Save as hereinafter provided, the Board of Governors shall make regulations for the conduct of Pakistan Psychological Council's, affairs and business.

(10) One-third of the total membership shall constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Board of Governors.

(11) All decisions or determinations taken by the Board of Governors shall be recorded in writing.

(12) The Board of Governors may remove any person from its membership or position of any council of the Pakistan Psychological Council, if such person-

- (a) has become of unsound mind; or