

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

BILL

to provide for the establishment of the Al-Karam International Institute

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of the Al-Karam International Institute in the private sector for promotion of special studies and for matters ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

CHAPTER I  
PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, application and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Al-Karam International Institute Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

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

- (a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the Institute;
- (b) "Anjuman" means the Anjuman Taleem-ul-Muslimeen (Regd.);
- (c) "Authority" means an Authority of the Institute under the Act;
- (d) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the Institute;
- (e) "college or school" means constituent college or school of the Institute;
- (f) "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan set up under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002);
- (g) "Dean" means the Dean of a Faculty of the Institute;
- (h) "department" means a teaching, research and training department maintained and administered by the Institute;
- (i) "Director" means the Head of a Teaching Division of the Institute;
- (j) "Faculty" means a Faculty of the Institute;
- (k) "Government" means the Federal Government;
- (l) "Institute" means the Al Karam International Institute;
- (m) "prescribed" means prescribed by the statutes, regulations or rules;
- (n) "Principal" means the Principal of a constituent college or school of the Institute;
- (o) "Professor Emeritus" means retired professor working in a faculty in an honorary capacity;
- (p) "Representation Committees" means the Representation Committees constituted under the Act;
- (q) "Review Panel" means the Review Panel set up by the Chancellor under the Act;
- (r) "Senate" means the senate of the Institute;
- (s) "Schedule" means a schedule appended to the Act;
- (t) "Search Committee" means the Search Committee set up by the Senate under the Act;

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- (u) "statutes, regulations and rules" means the statutes, regulations and rules respectively made or deemed to have been made under the Act;
  - (v) "Syndicate" means the Syndicate of the Institute;
  - (w) "Teacher" means a whole-time teacher appointed and paid by the Institute; and
  - (x) "Vice Chancellor" means the Vice Chancellor of the Institute.

## CHAPTER II THE INSTITUTE

3. **Establishment and incorporation of the Institute.**— (1) There shall be established an Institute to be called Al-Karam International Institute consisting of the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, members of the Senate, the Deans, the Chairmen, the Principals and members of the Academic Council and such other officers as may be prescribed or any council, committee and any other body as the Authority may establish.

(2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with its main campus at Bhera, having perpetual succession and common seal, with power, among others, to acquire, hold and dispose of any property or investment vesting in it and shall said name sue and be sued.

(3) The Institute shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable and immovable property which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law but subject to this Act and the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002), the Institute shall have academic, financial and administrative autonomy including the power to employ officers, teachers and other employees on such terms as may be prescribed.

4. **Functions of the Institute.**— The Institute shall perform the following functions:

- (i) to provide for education and scholarship in such branches of knowledge as it may deem fit with special focus on research in Islamic Shariah, and to make provision for research, service to society and for the application, advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;
- (ii) to prescribe courses of studies to be conducted by it and the colleges;
- (iii) to hold examinations and to award and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to and on persons who have been admitted to and have passed its examinations under prescribed conditions;
- (iv) to prescribe the terms and conditions of employment of the officers, teachers and other employees of the Institute and to lay down terms and conditions that may be different from those applicable to government servants in general;
- (v) to engage, where necessary, persons on contracts of specified duration and to specify the terms of each engagement;
- (vi) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner prescribed;
- (vii) to provide for such instruction for persons not being students of the Institute as it may prescribe, and to grant certificates and diplomas to such persons;
- (viii) to institute programmes for the exchange of students and teachers between the Institute and other universities, educational institutions and research organizations, inside as well as outside Pakistan;

- (ix) to provide career counseling and job search services to students and alumni;
- (x) to maintain linkages with alumni;
- (xi) to develop and implement fund-raising plans;
- (xii) to provide and support the academic development of the faculty of the Institute;
- (xiii) to confer degrees on persons who have carried on independent research under prescribed conditions;
- (xiv) to accept the examinations passed and the period of study spent by students of the Institute at other universities and places of learning equivalent to such examinations and periods of study in the Institute, as it may prescribe, and to withdraw such acceptance;
- (xv) to co-operate with the universities, public authorities or private organizations, inside as well as outside Pakistan, in such manner and for such purposes as may be prescribe;
- (xvi) to institute Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships and Lecturer-ships and any other posts and to appoint persons thereto;
- (xvii) to create posts for research, extension, administration and other related purposes and to appoint persons thereto;
- (xxi) to institute and award financial assistance to students in need, fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, medals and prizes under prescribed conditions;
- (xxii) to establish departments, schools, colleges, campuses, faculties, institutes, museums and other centers of learning for the development of teaching and research and to make such arrangements for their maintenance, management and administration, inside Pakistan as well as outside Pakistan under prescribed conditions;
- (xxiii) to provide for the residence of the students of the Institute and the colleges, to institute and maintain halls of residence and to approve or license hostels and lodging;
- (xxiv) to maintain order, discipline and security on the campuses of the Institute and the colleges;
- (xxv) to promote the extracurricular and recreational activities of such students, and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;
- (xxvi) to demand and receive such fees and other charges as it may determine;
- (xxvii) to make provision for research, advisory or consultancy services and with these objects to enter into arrangements with other institutions, public or private bodies, commercial and industrial enterprises under prescribed conditions;
- (xxviii) to enter into, carry out, vary or cancel contracts;
- (xxix) to receive and manage property transferred and grants, contributions made to the Institute and to invest any fund representing such property, grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, donations, endowments or contributions in such manner as it may deem fit;
- (xxx) to provide for the printing and publication of research and other works; and
- (xxxi) to do such other acts and things as may be requisite in order to further the

objectives of the Institute as a place of promotion of special studies, education, learning and research.

5. **Institute open to all classes, creeds, etc.**— (1) Except where the Institute has been declared by notification in the official Gazette to be open only to persons of a specified gender, the Institute shall be open to all persons of either gender and of whatever religion, race, creed, class, color or domicile and no person shall be denied the privileges of the Institute on the grounds of religion, race, caste, creed, class, color or domicile.

(2) An increase in any fee or charge that is in excess of ten percent per annum on an annualized basis from the last such increase may not be made except in special circumstances and with the approval of the Chancellor.

(3) The Institute shall establish financial aid programmes for students in need, to the extent considered feasible by the Senate given the resources available, so as to enable admission and access to the Institute and the various opportunities provided by it to be based on merit rather than ability to pay.

(4) The Institute may offer self-finance schemes not covering more than ten percent of the total number of students in any on-campus taught course or research-based programme of study.

6. **Teaching at the Institute.**— (1) All recognized teaching in various courses shall be conducted by the Institute or a college in the prescribed manner and may include lectures, tutorials, discussions, seminars, demonstrations, distance learning and other methods of instruction as well as practical work in the laboratories, hospitals, workshops and other governmental or private organizations.

(2) The authority responsible for organizing recognized teaching shall be such as may be prescribed.

### CHAPTER III OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTE

7. **Principal officers.**— The following shall be the principal officers of the Institute:

- (a) the Patron
- (b) the Chancellor
- (c) the Vice Chancellor;
- (d) the Deans;
- (e) the Principals of the colleges;
- (f) the Chairpersons of the departments;
- (g) the Registrar;
- (h) the Treasurer;
- (i) the Controller of Examinations; and
- (j) such other persons as may be prescribed by the statutes or regulations to be the principal officers of the Institute.

8. **Patron.**— (1) The President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall be the Patron of the Institute.

(2) The Patron shall, when present, preside at the convocation of the Institute and, in his absence, the Senate may request a person of eminence or the Chancellor to preside over the