

[AS] INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

to provide the identity, rehabilitation and employment to the unattended youth for their secure future and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto;

Whereas it is expedient to rehabilitate the neglect segment of the society by providing employment as per their education, abilities and skills to make them a responsible citizen of the society;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Employment of the Unattended Youth Act, 2020.

(2) It extends to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**- (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

(a) "Act" means the Employment of the Unattended Youth Act, 2019;

(b) "council" means the Council established under section 4;

(c) "establishment" means any Ministry, Division, attached department, subordinate office, executive department, public or private organization, firm, corporation, autonomous or semi-autonomous body, body corporate, enterprise, company, industry, factory or such other office or institution in which the number of workers employed at any time during a year is not less than two hundred;

(d) "funds" means funds established under section 11;

(e) "Government" means the Federal Government of Pakistan;

(f) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(g) "shelter home" means a premise established or licensed by the

Government under any prevailing law to provide boarding and lodging and rehabilitation services to the unattended youth; and

(h) "unattended youth" means a person not above the age of twenty one years with unknown parentage, orphan, abandoned, neglected or homeless who is in the legal custody of any registered shelter home more than ten years at the age of sixteen years.

(2) All other words and expressions used but not defined in this Act shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in respective laws for the time being in force.

3. **Employment of the unattended youth.**- (1) For the purpose of the Act is to education and training of the unattended youth as per their abilities, skills. The Government shall ensure their ensure employment before their departure from the shelter home.

(2) The Government shall pay money to every individual of the unattended youth which shall not be below the minimum wage fixed by the Government from time to time:

Provided that the Government shall pay money only in the situation where Council remained to fail to offer an employment at the time of departure of any individual from the shelter home till his employment or the age of twenty-five years whichever is earlier:

Provided further that the Council shall specify the reasons for not arranging an employment to any individual of the unattended youth at the time of his departure from the shelter home, in his annual report.

4. **Establishment of the Council.**- (1) After the commencement of this Act, within six months, the Government shall establish a Council to be known as the Islamabad Capital Territory Unattended Youth Rehabilitation and Employment Council.

5. **Members of the Council.**- The Council shall consist on the following members, namely:-

- (i) Minister-in-charge Patron
- (ii) Secretary of the Division to which the subject of the youth stands allocated
Chairperson
- (iii) Secretary, Establishment Division or his nominee not below the ranks of BPS-21
Ex-officio Member

- (iv) Secretary, Commerce Division or his nominee not below the ranks of BPS-21
Ex-officio Member
- (v) Secretary, Textile Division or his nominee not below the ranks of BPS-21
Ex-officio Member
- (vi) Secretary, Education Division or his nominee not below the ranks of BPS-21
Ex-officio Member
- (vii) Chairman of the National Commission on the Rights of Child Ex-officio Member
- (viii) Chairman of the National Vocational and Technical Training Commission
Ex-officio Member
- (ix) President, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Member
- (x) Chairman, All Pakistan Textile Mills Association Member
- (xi) Director General of the Council Secretary cum member

(2) The allowances payable and terms and conditions as applicable to members, other than ex-officio members, shall be such as may be prescribed.

(3) The quorum of the meeting shall be one fourth of the total members of the Council. Decision taken by majority of the members present and voting shall be construed as decision of the Council.

(4) The Council shall hold at least four meetings in a calendar year.

6. **Functions of the Council.**- Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Council shall perform all or any of the following function, namely:-

- (a) to provide education including technical education and arrange diploma courses for enhancement of the knowledge and expertise as per their skills, abilities and interests;
- (b) to maintain a database and make the policies for the safe and secure future;
- (c) to examine and propose arrangements related to employment as it deems appropriate;
- (d) to provide for education and scholarship in such branches of knowledge as it may deem fit;
- (e) to develop and implement fund-raising plans;