

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE ON THE PAKISTAN PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNCIL BILL, 2020

1. Chairman of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honour to present this report on the Bill to provide for the establishment of Pakistan Psychological Council [The Pakistan Psychological Council, Bill, 2020] (Private Members Bill) referred to the Committee on 11th August, 2020.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

1. Mr. Riaz Fatyana	Chairman
2. Mr. Atta Ullah	Member
3. Mr. Lal Chand	Member
4. Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik	Member
5. Ms. Kishwer Zehra	Member
6. Ms. Maleeka Ali Bokhari	Member
7. Mr. Muhammad Sana Ullah Khan Masti Khel	Member
8. Malik Muhammad Ehsan Ullah Tiwana	Member
9. Agha Hassan Baloch	Member
10. Mr. Sher Ali Arbab	Member
11. Ms. Shunila Ruth	Member
12. Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha	Member
13. Rana Sana Ullah Khan	Member
14. Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk	Member
15. Mr. Usman Ibrahim	Member
16. Khawaja Saad Rafique	Member
17. Syed Hussain Tariq	Member
18. Syed Naveed Qamar	Member
19. Dr. Nafisa Shah	Member
20. Ms. Aliya Kamran	Member
21. Barrister Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly placed at **(Annex-A)**, in its meeting held on 27th October, 2020 and recommended that the Bill as introduced, may be passed by the National Assembly.

Sd/-

TAHIR HUSSAIN

Secretary

Islamabad, the 9th November, 2020

Sd/-

(RIAZ FATYANA)

Chairman

[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, 2029.

- (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> |