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[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

To provide for the establishment of Institute of Gujrat (IOG) under the management of EDU-SOFT (PRIVATE) LIMITED, registered in 2001 under section 32 of the Companies Ordinance, 194 (XLVII of 1984), Registration. No. L 10427 of 2000-2001, dated: 15/11/2001.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of *Institute of Gujrat (IOG)*, and to provide for matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, extent, and commencement.

- (1) This Act shall be called the Institute of Gujrat (IOG) Act, 2023,
- (2) It shall extend 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,-

- (i) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the Institute;
- (ii) "Authority" means any of the Authorities of the Institute specified or set up in terms of section 20;
- (iii) "Board of Governors" means the Board of Governors of the Institute;
- (iv) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the Institute;
- (v) "Company" means *EDU-SOFT (PRIVATE) LIMITED, registered in 2001 under section 32 of the Companies Ordinance, 194 (XLVII of 1984), Registration. No. L 10427 of 2000-2001, dated: 15/11/2001.*
- (vi) "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission set up under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002);
- (vii) "Constituent College" means an educational institution, by whatever name described, maintained and administered by the Institute;
- (viii) "Dean" means the head of a Faculty or the head of an academic body granted the status of a Faculty by this Act or by the Statutes or Regulations;

- (ix) "Department" means a teaching department maintained and administered or recognized by the Institute in the manner prescribed;
- (x) "Director" means the head of an institute established as a constituent institution by the Institute by Statutes or Regulations in terms of the powers delegated by this Act.
- (xi) "Faculty" means an administrative and academic unit of the Institute consisting of one or more schools, as prescribed;
- (xii) "Government" means the Federal Government;
- (xiii) "Institute" means the Institute of Gujrat (IOG)
- (xiv) "Institute Teacher" means a whole-time teacher appointed and paid by the Institute, or recognized by the Institute as such;
- (xv) "Patron" means the Patron of the Institute;
- (xvi) "Prescribed" means prescribed by Statutes, Regulations or Rules made under this Act;
- (xvii) "Principal" means the head of a constituent unit/college;
- (xviii) "Representation Committee" means the Representation Committees constituted under section 25;
- (xix) "Review Panel" means the Review Panel Set up by the Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (xx) "Search Committee" means the Search Committee set up by the Board of Governors under this Act;
- (xxi) "Schedule" means a Schedule to this Act;
- (xxii) "Statutes, Regulations and Rule" mean the statutes, Regulations and Rules made under this Act and for the time being in force;
- (xxiii) "Syndicate" means the Syndicate of the Institute;
- (xxiv) "Teachers" include Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and lecturers engaged whole-time by the Institute or by a constituent and such other persons as may be declared to be teachers by Regulations;
- (xxv) "Treasure" means the Treasure of the institute;
- (xxvi) "Pro-Vice-Chancellor" means the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the institute;

(xxvii) "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the institute;

(xxviii) "Schedule" means a schedule to this Act;

CHAPTER II

THE INSTITUTE

3. Establishment and incorporation of the Institute. - (1) There shall be established an institute at Gujrat to be called the Institute of Gujrat (IOG)

(2) The Institute shall consist of the following, namely; -

(a) The principal seat of the institute shall be at Gujrat and it may set up any number of campuses, colleges and institutes at other places in Pakistan and abroad with prior approval of the Patron and Commission.

(b) The Patron, the Chancellor, the members of the Board of Governors, Syndicate, and the Vice-Chancellor;

(c) The members of the authorities of the Institute established under section 17;

(d) All institute Teachers and persons recognized / students of the Institute in accordance with terms prescribed from time to time; and

(e) All other full-time officers and members of the staff of the Institute.

(3) The Institute shall be a body corporate by such name as may be notified and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued by the said name:

(4) The institute shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both moveable 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.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, 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, subject to the terms of this Act and the Higher Education Commission Act, 2002 (LIII of 2002).

(6) In particular, and without prejudice to the authority granted to the Commission by the law, the Government or an authority or auditor appointed by the Government shall have no power to question the policy underlying the allocation of resources approved by the Board of Governors in the annual budget of the institute.