

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

BILL

further to amend the Iqbal Academy Ordinance, 1962

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend Iqbal Academy Ordinance, 1962, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Iqbal Academy (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 11, Ordinance XXVI of 1962.- In the Iqbal Academy Ordinance, 1962 (XXVI of 1962), hereinafter referred to as "the said Ordinance", in section 11, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division Concerned" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 12, Ordinance XXVI of 1962.- In the said Ordinance, in section 12, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division Concerned" shall be substituted.


4. Amendment of section 17, Ordinance XXVI of 1962.- In the said Ordinance, in section 17, in sub-section (1), in clause (g), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Division Concerned" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Iqbal Academy Pakistan (IAP) was founded in 1951 by the Iqbal Academy Act and re-enacted through the Iqbal Academy Ordinance of 1962. It is a statutory body of the Government of Pakistan and a centre for excellence for Iqbal Studies.

2. In pursuance of the instructions of the Cabinet Division dated 13th May, 2025 regarding the substitution of the term "Federal Government" with the appropriate authority in relevant laws and rules, Iqbal Academy Pakistan proposed necessary amendments to specific provisions of the Iqbal Academy Ordinance, 1962. Accordingly, the draft amendments were submitted to the Ministry of Law and Justice for vetting. Ministry of Law & Justice vetted the draft amendments. Subsequently, Cabinet Committee for Disposal of Legislative Cases (CCLC) has been ratified by Cabinet in its meeting on 18.09.2025, under case No.644/Rule-19/2025/908.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid object and is therefore submitted for enactment by the Parliament.


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