

**[TO BE INTRODUCES IN THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF
PAKISTAN]**

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BILL

Further to amend the constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the purpose hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement:-

(1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2012

(2) It shall be come into force at once.

2. Amendment in Article 142 paragraph (b) of the Constitution. In the constitution of

Islamic Republic of Pakistan, for Article 142 paragraph (b), the following should be substituted.

“Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) and Provincial Assembly shall have power to make laws with respect to criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, education policy and curriculum development.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

The key value of a curriculum and education policy is to ensure cohesion and uniformity in the education system. A common and uniform curriculum and policy can ensure national integrity, harmony and consistency. After the 18th amendment in Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, subject of education including education policy, planning, curriculum, standards, centers of excellence and Islamic education have been devolved to the provincial domain. This devolution poses some serious questions regarding possible issues of uniformity of curriculum. And it seems difficult to ensure common minimum standards in all the constituent units. This issue was repeatedly discussed during deliberations of commissions and at least two notes of reiteration on the same subject were submitted.

The question posed by the key stakeholders is about future curricula development particularly in the field of social sciences that what sort of historical revisions or additions might be incorporated in provincially developed curricula. On the technical side, lack of capacity of provinces is appears as another challenge which may create gap among provinces. Therefore, it is proposed to empower the Majlis-e-shoora (Parliament) to make laws regarding education policy and curriculum development.

2. The bill seeks to achieve aforementioned objectives.

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