

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of Article 11 of the Constitution.— In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, in clause (3) of Article 11, for the expression "fourteen years" the expression "sixteen years" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Child labour is a violation of fundamental human rights and has been perceived as barrier to the physical and psychological development of children. Recent global estimates based on data of UNICEF, the ILO and the World Bank indicate that 168 million children aged 5 to 17 are engaged in child labour. Millions of them suffer in the other worst forms of child labour, including slavery and slavery-like practices such as forced and bonded labour and child soldiering, sexual exploitation, or are used by adults in illicit activities, including drug trafficking. This Bill is presented to achieve the objective to prevent the child labour and its adverse effects on child and society at large.

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