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REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

ON

The Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2016 Presented by Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh THE SENATE SITTING HELD 16th February, 2018.

PRESENTED BY <u>SENATOR RAHILA MAGSI</u>

Chairperson SSC on Federal Education and Professional Training

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I Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, have the honour to present report on the behalf of the Committee on the Bill titled "The Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2016 introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 16th February, 2018 in the House and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

The following is the composition of the Committee.

Senator RahilaMagsi	Chairperson
2. Senator Najma Hameed	Member
Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
5. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
6. Senator Behramand Khan Tangi	Member
7. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
9. Senator Meher Taj Roghani	Member
10.Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
11. Senator Gul Bashra	Member
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
13.Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training	Ex-Officio Membe

 The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 18th December, 2018 at Committee Room No.1, Parliament House, Islamabad. Meeting was attended by the following Members:-

1.	Senator Rahila Magsi	Chairperson
2.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
3.	Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
4.	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
5.	Senator Prof. Dr. Meher Taj Roghani	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muzzafar Hussain Shah	Mover
7.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeg Shaikh	Mover
8.	Senator Samina Saeed	Mover
9.	Senator Quratulain Marri	Mover
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10. Minister for Federal Education & Professional Training

4. After detailed discussions and examining the input from the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, the members raised no objection to the Bill. The Standing Committee unanimously recommended that The Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2016 as introduced in the House may be passed by the Senate.

The Bill as introduced in the Senate is placed at Annexure (A):-

(FAIQA ABDULHAYE) Secretary Committee

SENATOR RAHILA MAGSI)
Chairperson Committee

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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BILL

to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2013

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2013 (XI of 2013), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows.

- 1. Short title and commencement.-(1) This Act may be called the Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2016.
 - (2) It shall come into force at once.
- 2. Amendment of section 13, Act XI of 2013.—In the Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2013 (XI of 2013), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 13, after sub-section (4), the following new sub-section (5) shall be inserted, namely:
 - "(5) Every Private Educational Institution shall allocate three percent quota for the free education of the children of single women."
- Insertion of new section 13A, Act XI of 2013. In the said Act, after section 13, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:
 - "13A. Conditions of Registration." (1) An institution shall comply with such conditions of registration including payment of fees as may be prescribed.
 - (2) An institution shall not charge, during an academic year, the fee from a student at a rate higher than the fee charged for the class during the preceding academic year.
 - (3) Subject to sub-section (1), if there is reasonable justification for appropriate increase in the fee for purposes of the next academic year, the In-charge may apply to the Registering Authority, at least three months before the start of the next academic year, proposing reasonable increase of the fee.
 - (4) The application shall contain reasons and justification for the proposed increase and all the requisite documents or evidence in support of the application shall be annexed with the application.
 - (5) The In-charge shall provide such other information or documents to the Registering Authority as may be necessary for the disposal of the application.

- (6) The Registering Authority may, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the In-charge, either reject the application or allow reasonable increase of the fee after recording reasons, but such increase for any academic year shall not be more than five per cent of the fee charged in the preceding academic year.
- (7) The Registering Authority may, in the prescribed manner, fix the maximum amount of fee which may be charged by an institution or a category of institutions from a student or a category of students.
- (8) An institution shall not charge any amount from the student other than the fee mentioned in sub-section (1) or fixed under subsections (6) or (7), and the in charge shall either refund to the student, within seven days from the commencement of the Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2016, the additional fee already charged or adjust it with the fee immediately payable by the student.
- (9) The admission fee or the security shall not exceed the amount equal to the tuition fee payable by the student for a month.
- (10) The word 'fee' in this section means admission fee, tuition fee, security, laboratory fee, library fee or any other fee or amount charged by an institution from a student,
- (11) An institution shall not require the parents to purchase textbooks, uniform or other material from a particular shop or provider.

STATEMENET OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In pursuance of the provision of Article 35 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 as well as keeping in view of the rising number of single mothers (divorced or widows having children), it is the responsibility of the State to provide their deprived children the educational opportunities free of cost even in private sector as well, especially in case of those women who have no or meagre source of earning.

In addition to that, it has been observed that during the last one year or so the issues of fee regulation of private institutes of ICT are rising in terms of exuberant fees charged from the parents along with charging additional dues under different heads. This has become a source of constant exploitation for the parents. It is the need of an hour that conditions of registration of all the private educational institutions must be conditional with the regulation of their fees as well that would be strictly monitored by the Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Authority.

The bill has been designed to achieve the aforesaid purposes.

SENATOR MIAN MUAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH
Member-In-Charge