

**[AS PASSED BY THE SENATE]**

**A**

**BILL**

*further to amend the Federal Universities Ordinance, 2002*

**Whereas** it is expedient further to amend the Federal Universities Ordinance, 2002 (CXX of 2002) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Federal Universities (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 4, Ordinance CXX of 2002.-** In the Federal Universities Ordinance, 2002 (CXX of 2002), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 4,-

(i) in paragraph (xxxvi), the word "and" occurring at the end shall be omitted; and

(ii) in paragraph (xxxvii), for the "full stop" occurring at the end a semi colon and word "; and" shall be substituted and after paragraph (xxxvii) amended as aforesaid the following new paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-

"(xxxviii) to make mandatory internships part of their curriculum in all the disciplines offered by that University with a special focus in the field of science and technology, trade, commerce and IT."

**3. Amendment of section 22, Ordinance CXX of 2002.-** In the said Ordinance, in section 22, in sub-section (2),-

(i) in paragraph (l), the word "and" occurring at the end shall be omitted; and

(ii) in paragraph (m), for the "full stop" occurring at the end a semi colon and word "; and" shall be substituted and after paragraph (m) amended as aforesaid the following new paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-

"(n) regulate the process of internships and coordinate with different institutions, companies, entities, factories or any other relevant organization /sponsoring employers through cooperative agreements related to the specific area of study for the students."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Pakistan is probably going to be the fifth most populous country of this world and among the fastest growing economies as well. We are moving towards incredible innovation in a wide array of industries (particularly tech), and rapidly expanding companies that are in search for spots to fill especially after the historic CPEC project has been launched. Youth makes up almost 60% of our population that is an asset in terms of man power. With an internship in Asia, students are able to immerse themselves in the working / business culture there, which will not only be a catalyst for personal growth but will be a very valuable experience for future employment. Having a professional network in Asia will be useful anywhere student go, especially now that Asian countries are making huge economic impacts globally. These internships are not aimed at assisting students in entering the workforce, but in complimenting their classroom education with practical experience in their field of interest.

**SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH  
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**