

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

BILL

Dr. Shireen M. Mazari
Federal Minister for Human Rights

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018 (XXII of 2018), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Act shall be called the Juvenile Justice System (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act XXII of 2018.— In the Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018 (XXII of 2018), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, in clause (n), for the word "Government", the words "Division concerned or relevant department of provincial governments" shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 3, Act XXII of 2018.— In the said Act, in section 3, in sub-section (3), for the word "Government", the words "Division concerned or relevant department of provincial governments" shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 4, Act XXII of 2018.— In the said Act, in section 4, in sub-sections (1) and (3), for the word "Government", the words "Prime Minister" shall be substituted.

5. Amendment of section 10, Act XXII of 2018.— In the said Act, in section 10, for the word "Government", the words "Law and Justice Division" shall be substituted.

6. Amendment of section 20, Act XXII of 2018.— In the said Act, in section 20,—

(a) in sub-section (1), for the word "Government", the words "Interior Division in consultation with the Division concerned" shall be substituted; and

(b) in sub-sections (2) and (3), for the word "Government", the words "Interior Division" shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of section 21, Act XXII of 2018.— In the said Act, in section 21, for the word "Government", wherever occurring, the words "Interior Division" shall be substituted.

8. Amendment of section 22, Act XXII of 2018.— In the said Act, in section 22, for the word "Government", the words "Division concerned or relevant department of provincial governments" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Object of this amendment is to bring clarity to the existing legislation and to provide clarity with respect to exercise of authority by the Federation. This was pursuant to the directions of the Cabinet in light of the recent Supreme Court judgment [PLD 2016 SC 808].

2. The Bill is drafted to achieve the aforesaid object.

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