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[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, 2023.

(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, in paragraph (xxxix), for the full-stop "." occurring at the end, a semi colon and a word "; and" shall be substituted, and thereafter the following new paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-

"(xxxix) to make mandatory internships part of the curriculum for students in all disciplines offered by the University with a special focus in the areas of science and technology, trade, commerce and Information Technology."

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 a word "; and" shall be substituted, and thereafter the following new paragraph shall be inserted, namely:-

"(n) regulate the process of internships and coordinate with different institutions, organizations, companies, entities, factories or any other sponsoring employers by signing the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) related to the concerned areas of studies of the students."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Internships are beneficial because they help develop one's professional aptitude, strengthen personal character, and provide a greater door to opportunity. By investing in internships, one gives himself the broadest spectrum of opportunity when seeking and applying for a job after college or university. This amendment in the Ordinance aims at providing powers to the academic council to prioritize a practical learning, requiring all students to partake in some sort of internship experience. This will give students options to get experiential learning opportunity that offers an invaluable edge before they even graduate.

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