

[~~TO BE~~ INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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Bill

further to amend the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Act, 2017

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Act, 2017 (XIV of 2017), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 18, Act XIV of 2017.- In the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Act, 2017 (XIV of 2017), in section 18, the riding clause shall be numbered as sub-section (1), and thereafter the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-

“(2) The Federal Government shall lay before both the Houses of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), an annual report of the Council, regarding the working and achievements of the Council, which shall be referred to the concerned Standing Committees of the Senate and National Assembly for examination and report.”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Being cognizant of the importance of the science and technology in the modern era for building up a strong and self-reliant system and its effective working towards achievement of national goals, the Parliament of Pakistan enacted the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Act, 2017. The Parliament being mother of all institutions and to discharge the role of oversight, needs to be kept abreast of the performance of the institutions created through the Act passed by it. Hence, this bill aims at prescribing the provision regarding oversight of Parliament upon working of the Council by submission of annual report in both the Houses.

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