

[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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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021.

I, acting Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Human Rights have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend "The Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018 (XXII of 2018)" [The Juvenile Justice System (Amendment) Bill, 2021] (Government Bill), referred to the Committee on 19-04-2021.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

1.	Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari	Chairman
2.	Ms. Ghulam Bibi	Member
3.	Mr. Saif-ur-Rehman	Member
4.	Mr. Attaullah	Member
5.	Ms. Ghazala Saifi	Member
6.	Ms. Rukhsana Naveed	Member
7.	Ms. Zille Huma	Member
8.	Ms. Fouzia Behram	Member
9.	Ms. Tashfeen Safdar	Member
10.	Mr. Lal Chand	Member
11.	Ms. Shunila Ruth	Member
12.	Agha Hassan Baloch	Member
13.	Ms. Shaista Pervaiz	Member
14.	Mr. Mohsin Dawar	Member
15.	Mr. Abdul Rehman Khan Kanju	Member
16.	Ms. Zaib Jaffar	Member
17.	Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja	Member
18.	Shazia Marri	Member
19.	Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto	Member
20.	Mr. James Iqbal,	Member
21.	Dr. Shireen M. Mazari Minister for Human Rights	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly placed, at "Annex-A", in its meetings held on 17-06-2021 and 29-9-2021. The Committee recommended that the Bill as introduced may be passed by the National Assembly.

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(TAHIR HUSSAIN)

Secretary

Islamabad, the 30th September, 2021

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(SHAZIA MARRI)

Acting Chairperson