

**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH
NOTIFICATION
KARACHI, THE 09TH MARCH, 2022**

NO.PAS/LEGIS-B-29/2019-The Sindh Students Union Bill, 2019 having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 11th February, 2022 and assented by the Governor of Sindh on 02nd March, 2022 is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sindh.

THE SINDH STUDENTS UNION ACT, 2019

SINDH ACT NO. I OF 2022

**AN
ACT**

to activate an effective system to provide for the establishment of Students Unions and regulating them in the Province of Sindh.

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish an effective systems to establish and regulate the students unions in the Province of Sindh. **Preamble.**

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Students Union Act, 2019. **Short title, extent and commencement.**
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of the Province of Sindh.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.
2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context- **Definition.**
 - (a) "Department" means College Education Department, Government of Sindh;
 - (b) "Educational Institution" means an educational and training institution and includes a university, its constituent and affiliated institutions, a college whether in public or private sector, by whatever name called;
 - (c) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;
 - (d) "prejudicial activity" means any activity which is contrary to law, good order or discipline and includes any act which amounts, or is likely to –
 - (i) prejudice or in any manner interrupt the normal functioning of any Educational Institution;

(ii) cause or create dissatisfaction or hatred amongst any group, class or body of students of any Educational Institution;

(iii) promote feelings of enmity or hatred amongst students and staff or cause fear or alarm to the public or the parents of the students of any Educational Institution or result into any act of violence or use of force, show of force, in an Educational Institution or disruption in the smooth operation of education and extra-curricular activities in the Education institution;

(iv) result in collection, storage or carriage of fire-arms, weapons, ammunition or explosive within the premises of any Educational Institution or any other building or place connected with or related to any Educational Institution;

(v) result in a strike in any Educational Institution or cause threat of any kind to the staff or any other employee of any Educational Institution;

(e) "Student" means any person enrolled and studying in the Educational Institution and does not include a person who was a Student of the Educational Institution or who is not enrolled or taking any semester or course in the Educational Institution;

(f) "Student Union" includes a body or association of students of any Educational Institution by whatever name called for promoting the general interests of its members as students for academic, disciplinary, extra-curricular or other matters relating to the affairs of the students in Educational Institution.

3. (1) There shall be a Student Union in every Educational Institution consisting of *bona fide* Students of the Educational Institution.

Student Union in educational institution.

(2) The Student Union shall consist of seven to eleven members elected by the students of the particular Educational Institution.

(3) Subject to the principles provided for in this Act, each Educational Institution shall within two months of this Act, formulate regulations and procedures for the conduct of the Student Union.

(4) The Educational Institution shall every year conduct the elections for the Students Union.

(5) Every Educational Institution shall have at-least one nominee of the elected Student Union in its Syndicate, Senate or Board.

(6) Every Educational Institution shall constitute a committee for protection against harassment which shall be gender balanced and have atleast one nominee of the elected Student Union.

4. (1) The Student Union shall be *bonafide* representative of the students of the respective Educational Institution.

Functions of the students unions.

(2) The Student Union shall:

- (i) work for maintaining social and academic welfare of the students;
- (ii) ensure the rights and interests of all students are suitably represented and protected;
- (iii) organize such social, cultural, intellectual or other extra-curricular events which help in forming a student's personality and make them responsible citizens;
- (iv) promote and strengthen relations between students and educational institutions;
- (v) oppose and bring to light any discrimination or injustice that obstructs the social and academic life of students;
- (vi) endeavor to make students responsible citizens, aware of their rights and obligations towards their country as provided under the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan as well as other laws;
- (vii) play the role of a bridge between the students, Educational Institution and its staff to further the objective of academic excellence;
- (viii) coordinate and liaison with elected students bodies of different jurisdictions in the country;
- (ix) assist the Educational Institution in maintaining discipline and ensure the respect of teachers as well as staff of the Educational Institution is not compromised;
- (x) ensure democratic and inclusive atmosphere for healthy debate that respects others opinions;

(3) The Students Union shall perform such other activities as may be prescribed by the rules or regulations of respective Educational Institutions.

5. (1) No person or student shall indulge in any prejudicial activity in any manner whatsoever within the premises of any Educational Institution or any other place connected with or related to any Educational Institution. **Indulge in any prejudicial activity.**

(2) If any person or student acts in contravention of the provisions of subsection (1), he shall be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary rules or regulations of the respective Educational Institution.

6. Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act. **Government to make rules.**

7. The provisions of this Act shall have overriding effect notwithstanding anything contrary contained in any law, for the time being in force. **Overriding effect.**

**BY ORDER OF THE SPEAKER
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH**

**G.M.UMAR FAROOQ
SECRETARY
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH**