**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**Bill No. 36 of 2025**

**THE NATIONAL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & ECONOMICS, LAHORE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025**

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Bill

*further to amend the National College of Business Administration & Economics, Lahore Ordinance, 2002.*

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the National College of Business Administration & Economics, Lahore Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance XX of 2002) in the manner hereinafter appearing.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of Punjab as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be cited as the National College of Business Administration & Economics, Lahore (Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. General amendment in Ordinance XX of 2002.-** In the National College of Business Administration & Economics, Lahore Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance XX of 2002), for brevity cited as 'the Ordinance':

(i) the expression "National College of Business Administration & Economics", wherever occurs, shall be substituted by the expression "Alhamra University"; and

(ii) the word "Institute", wherever occurs, shall be substituted by the word "University".

**3. Amendment in section 2 of Ordinance XX of 2002.-** In the Ordinance, in section 2, the following new para (a) be added and the subsequent paras be renumbered accordingly:

"(a) “Academic Council” means the Academic Council of the University;".

**4. Amendment in section 4 of Ordinance XX of 2002.-** In the Ordinance, in section 4:

(i) for clause (a), the following shall be substituted:

"(a) to provide for instructions, teaching and training in faculties of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Law, Architecture and Design, Computer Sciences and Information Technology, Business Administration & Management Sciences, Commerce, Natural Sciences and such other branches of knowledge, technology, profession and faculties as the Board may determine on the recommendation of a committee constituted by the Board and, where applicable, subject to the approval of the relevant statutory body or authority of a professional education:

Provided that the Board shall be further competent to establish and approve departments on the recommendation of Academic Council for the approved faculties;";

(ii) for clause (d), the following shall be substituted:

"(d) to create a component of the University such as faculty, department, constituent college, sub-campus, off-campus, institute, Centre of Excellence and grant affiliations for the promotion of higher education;"

(iii) for clause (g), the following shall be substituted:

"(g) to decide teaching methods and strategies including virtual, online, on-campus, transnational and open and online distance learning programs in order to ensure the most effective educational and training methods."

**5. Amendment in section 5 of Ordinance XX of 2002.-** In the Ordinance, in section 5,

(i) for subsection (1), the following shall be substituted:

 “(1) The jurisdiction of the University shall be Province of the Punjab.”;

(ii) for subsection (2), the following shall be substituted:

“(2) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1) the University shall not open any sub-campus for a period of ten years from the commencement of this Act.

Provided that the University after the said period may establish a sub-campus with the prior approval of the Government.”

**6. Amendment in section 8 of Ordinance XX of 2002.-** In the Ordinance, in section 8, in subsection (1), for clause (iv), the following shall be substituted:

“(iv) three members of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, including at least one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;”.

**7. Amendment in section 9 of Ordinance XX of 2002.-** In the Ordinance, in section 9, for subsection (1), the following shall be substituted:

“(1) The Chairman of the Board shall appoint a person as Rector on the recommendation of a committee constituted by the Board.”

**8. Insertion of Section 13-A in Ordinance XX of 2002.-** In the Ordinance, after section 13, the following new Section 13-A shall be inserted:

"**13-A. Academic Council**.- (1) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University and shall have the control and general regulation, of and be responsible for, the maintenance of standards of learning, education, instruction, evaluation and examination within the University, including its sub-campuses, constituent colleges, off-campuses, institutes and affiliated colleges, and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the Board.

(2) The constitution of the Academic Council and the term of office of its members shall be determined by the Board."

**STATEMENTS OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The change of status of National College of Business Administration & Economics, Lahore from a degree awarding Institute to a degree awarding University shall improve general public access to higher education as well as shall improve the quality of education in the province. The proposed Alhamra University fulfills the requirements of Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad with regard to the provision of land and necessary infrastructure to run a higher education institution in the province. The scope of Alhamra University has been extended by the Patron through addition of faculties and sub-campuses; therefore, it is important to incorporate these changes to meet the challenges and update and enhance the purposes of the Ordinance. This amendment shall contribute to the economic growth and promotion of research and development culture in the country.

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