**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB**

**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

**25 April 2017**

**No.PAP/Legis-3(40)/2017/1583.** The following Bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, is hereby published for general information under rule 93(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997:-

**THE PUNJAB PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (PROMOTION AND REGULATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2017**

**Bill No. 08 of 2017**

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further to amend the Punjab Private Educational Institutions (Promotion and Regulation) Ordinance, 1984.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Punjab Private Educational Institutions (Promotion and Regulation) Ordinance, 1984 for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Private Educational Institutions (Promotion and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 11 of the Punjab Private Educational Institutions (Promotion and Regulation) Ordinance, 1984.— (1) In section 11 of the Punjab Private Educational Institutions (Promotion and Regulation) Ordinance, 1984;

1. in sub-section (1), after the words “Registering Authority” the word “may” shall be substituted with the word “shall”;
2. in sub-section (2), after the words “Registering Authority” the word “may” shall be substituted with the word “shall”;
3. After sub-section (2), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely;

“(2a) In addition to any other action or penalty under the Ordinance, if an Incharge in contravention of sub-section (10) of section 7A requires the parents to purchase textbooks, uniform or other material from a particular shop or provider, he shall be liable to punishment of fine which may extend to three million rupees but which shall not be less than one million rupees.

Provided that if an institution has more than one branch, each branch violating the provisions of this section shall be liable separately to punishment mentioned in this section.”

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Private schools play an important role in promotion of education at primary and secondary levels. The Punjab Private Educational Institutions (Promotion and Regulation) Ordinance, 1984 was promulgated to regulate the private schools. The Punjab Private Educational Institutions (Promotion and Regulation) Amendment Act 2016 regulated the fee structure for private schools and also prohibited the schools from compelling the parents of the students to purchase textbooks, uniform and other material from a particular shop or provider. However, despite the amendment it has been observed that many private schools still force the parents of students to purchase the stationary and books from specific shops. There is a possibility of collusion between the owners of private schools and the owners of such shops. This amendment Bill strives to enhance the penalty for this action of private schools.

This amendment Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objects.

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**25 April 2017 Secretary**