

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT ON THE COMPULSORY EDUCATION OF ARABIC BILL, 2015

I, the Chairman of Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat have the honour to present this report on the Bill to provide for teaching of Arabic as Compulsory subject [the Compulsory Education of Arabic Bill, 2015] (Private Member's Bill), referred to the Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2015.

2. The Committee consists of the following:-

1)	<b>Rana Muhammad Hayat Khan</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2)	Malik Ibrar Ahmad	Member
3)	Syed Javed Ali Shah	Member
4)	Sardar Muhammad Irfan Dogar	Member
5)	Sardar Mansab Ali Dogar	Member
6)	Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti	Member
7)	Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir	Member
8)	Ms. Shahnaz Saleem	Member
9)	Ms. Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli	Member
10)	Ms. Farhana Qamar	Member
11)	Mr. Rasheed Ahmed Khan	Member
12)	Rana Muhammad Qasim Noon	Member
13)	Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto	Member
14)	Pir Shafqat Hussain Shah Jilani	Member
15)	Mr. Abdul Hakeem Baloch	Member
16)	Mr. Asad Umar	Member
17)	Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak	Member
18)	Moulvi Agha Muhammad	Member
19)	Syed Ali Raza Abidi	Member
20)	Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui	Member
21)	Sheikh Aftab Ahmed	Ex-officio Member
	Minister Incharge for Cabinet Secretariat	

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2017. The Committee recommends that the Bill placed at Annexure-A may not be passed, by the Assembly.

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**(JAWAD RAFIQUE MALIK)**  
Secretary  
Islamabad, the 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

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**(RANA MUHAMMAD HAYAT KHAN)**  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat

## [AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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## BILL

Provide for teaching of Arabic as compulsory subject and legal provisions for education, promotion and development of Arabic in educational institutions as a compulsory subject

Whereas, in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Article 31(2)(a) envisages to provide encouragement and to facilitate the teaching of Arabic language;

Whereas Arabic is the language of the Quran and Sunnah which are the eternal source of Islamic Communications, and whereas, the education of Arabic language from class I to XII, and the education of Arabic at degree level in such professional institutions where the subjects of Law, Islamic Jurisprudence and shariah are taught will ensure the better understanding of the Arabic books comprising the text of Holy Quran, sunnah, exegises and fiqah.

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Compulsory Education of Arabic Act, 2015
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of Pakistan; and
- (3) It shall come into force at once.
2. By recognizing the importance of the teaching of Arabic language in the Muslim society like Pakistan, by using direct method, Arabic Language shall be taught as compulsory subject at primary, secondary and intermediate level.
3. At degree level, Arabic language shall be taught as compulsory subject only in those courses which are concerned with the teaching of Law, Shariah, Islamic jurisprudence and fiqah.
4. The formulation of policy for teaching of Arabic language as compulsory subject, prescription of teaching method and the task for prescribing syllabus shall be carried out according to the latest and scientific methods.
5. An institution at central and provisional level shall be established which will work effectively for the development and promotion of Arabic language.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The aim and objective of the Bill is to create better understanding of the Arabic language amongst the students of schools, colleges and universities which is the source of Islamic Sharia and consequently provide help to change their lives according to Islamic injunctions enshrined in the Quran and Sunnah. The objectives of the Bill is to act upon recommendations made by Islamic Ideology Council which has approved the similar recommendations in the form of a Bill in 178<sup>th</sup> session held on 4-5 June, 2010 in this regard. These recommendations of council have been included in Councils Annual Report 2009-10 (page 230 to 232) and the said report of the Council has been presented in both Houses of the Parliament on 16 March, 2014.

Sd/-

MS. NAEEMA KISHWER KHAN,  
Member, National Assembly