

L. A. BILL No. XVI OF 2026.

A BILL

*further to amend the Maharashtra Self-financed Schools
(Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2012.*

(As passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 17th March, 2026.)

(As passed by the Legislative Council on the 18th March, 2026.)

Mah. I
of 2013. WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Self-financed
Schools (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2012, for the purposes hereinafter
appearing; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy- seventh Year of the Republic of
India, as follows :—

1. This Act may be called the Maharashtra Self-financed Schools Short title.
(Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2026.

Mah. I
of 2013. **2.** In the preamble of the Maharashtra Self-financed Schools (Establishment
and Regulation) Act, 2012 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), the
words “to upper-primary or secondary or higher secondary school, as the case
may be,” shall be deleted. Amendment
to preamble
of Mah. I of
2013.

3. In section 2 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1),—

(a) after clause (1-a), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :— Amendment
of section 2
of Mah. I of
2013.

“(2-a) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Education, Maharashtra State;”;

(b) for clause (i), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(i) “registered trust” means a public trust for charitable purposes registered under the provisions of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act or any other law for the time being in force;”;

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1950.

(c) for clause (p), the following clause shall be substituted, namely :—

“(p) “up-gradation of school” means up-gradation of a recognised primary school to upper-primary school, upper-primary school to secondary school or secondary school to higher secondary school or *vice versa*.”.

Amendment
of section 3
of Mah. I of
2013.

4. In section 3 of the principal Act,—

(a) in sub-section (1), for the words “such as primary or upper-primary or secondary or higher secondary, or up-gradation of the existing school to upper-primary or secondary, or higher secondary school, as the case may be” the words “such as primary or secondary or secondary and higher secondary or up-gradation of the existing school” shall be substituted;

(b) sub-section (4) shall be deleted.

Amendment
of section 13
of Mah. I of
2013.

5. In section 13 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), for the words “be punished with fine which shall not be less than five lakh rupees but which may extend to ten lakh rupees” the words “be punished with fine which shall not be less than ten lakh rupees but which may extend to twenty lakh rupees” shall be substituted.

Amendment
of section 18
of Mah. I of
2013.

6. In section 18 of the principal Act, after the words “the State Government” the words “, the Commissioner” shall be inserted.

Amendment
of section 20
of Mah. I of
2013.

7. In section 20 of the principal Act, for the words and figures “section 21 of the Indian Penal Code” the words, figures and brackets “section 2 (28) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023” shall be substituted.

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Amendment
of
SCHEDULE
A of Mah. I of
2013.

8. In SCHEDULE A appended to the principal Act,—

(a) in entry (2), for the words “Primary or Upper-primary or Secondary or Higher Secondary” the words “Primary or Secondary or Secondary and Higher Secondary” shall be substituted;

(b) in entry (5), for the words “Primary to Upper- Primary or Upper-Primary to Secondary or Secondary to Higher Secondary” the words “Primary to Upper-Primary or Upper-Primary to Secondary or Secondary to Higher Secondary or *vice versa*” shall be substituted.

9. In SCHEDULE C appended to the principal Act,—

(a) in entry (a), for the words “primary or upper-primary or secondary or higher secondary school” the words “primary or secondary or secondary and higher secondary school” shall be substituted;

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of
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C of Mah. I of
2013.

(b) in entry (c), for the words “upper-primary, secondary or higher secondary school, as the case may be” the words “upper-primary, secondary or higher secondary school, as the case may be, or *vice versa*” shall be substituted.

**MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE
SECRETARIAT**

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**[SHRI DADAJI BHUSE,
Minister for School Education.]**

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**DR. VILAS ATHAWALE,
Secretary-3,
Maharashtra Legislative Council.**