

L. A. BILL No. XXII OF 2026.

A BILL

further to amend the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.

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

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

Mah. VI of
2017.

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 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 Public Universities (Second Amendment) Act, 2026. Short title.

Mah. VI of
2017.

2. In section 2 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”), after clause (36), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :— Amendment of
section 2 of Mah.
VI of 2017.

“(36A) “MahaSARC” means the Maharashtra State Academic and Research Council as specified under section 77A;”.

Amendment
of section 5 of
Mah. VI of 2017.

3. In section 5 of the principal Act,—

(1) after clause (80), the following clause shall be inserted, namely : —

“(80A) to take necessary steps for effective implementation of any Educational Policy prescribed by the Central Government and adopted by the State Government, from time to time;”;

(2) in clause (81), after the words “of the university” the words “and any other directives issued under this Act” shall be inserted.

Amendment
of section 13
of Mah. VI of
2017.

4. In section 13 of the principal Act, in sub-section (12), for the word “Chancellor” the words “Management Council” shall be substituted.

Amendment
of section 15 of
Mah. VI of 2017.

5. In section 15 of the principal Act, after sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely :—

“(4A) The Vice-Chancellor may appoint, a suitable person qualified to be appointed as Dean when the office of the Dean falls vacant or when the Dean is by reason of illness or absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, for a period not exceeding six months, to officiate as Dean, till the Dean resumes his office, or a new Dean assumes duty, as the case may be.”.

Amendment
of section 62 of
Mah. VI of 2017.

6. In section 62 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), for the words “three months” the words “six months” shall be substituted.

Insertion of new
section 77A in
Mah.
VI of 2017.

7. After section 77 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely :—

Maharashtra
State Academic
and Research
Council.

“77A. (1) There shall be a Council to be called as the Maharashtra State Academic and Research Council (MahaSARC) to advise the Commission and its Board of Management for framing policies in respect of academic and research matters in higher education and also to give directives to the university in academic matters.

(2) The composition, functions and duties of the MahaSARC and procedure for conduct of business of its meetings and such other matters as may be prescribed by the State Government.

(3) The MahaSARC shall submit a yearly report of its activities, to the Commission.

(4) The directives of the MahaSARC in respect of all academic matters shall be binding upon the Academic Council, Faculty and Board of Studies of the university.”.

8. In section 100 of the principal Act, in sub-section (5), in clause (a), in proviso, for the words “the Chancellor” the words “the Government” shall be substituted.

Amendment of
section 100 of
Mah. VI of 2017.

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Minister for Higher and Technical Education.]**

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