

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Universities and University Colleges (Amendment) Act 2018.

(2) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 15

2. The Universities and University Colleges Act 1971 [*Act 30*], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, is amended in subsection 15(2)—

(a) in paragraph (a), by inserting after the semicolon at the end of the paragraph the word “or”;

(b) in paragraph (b), by substituting for the words “; or” a full stop; and

(c) by deleting paragraph (c).

Saving

3. All disciplinary actions against any student of a University relating to the matter referred to in paragraph 15(2)(c) of the principal Act which are pending before the disciplinary authority immediately before the commencement of this Act shall, on the date of coming into operation of this Act, be discontinued.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971 (“Act 30”). The proposed amendment seeks to remove the prohibition on students of the Universities to be involved in political party activities within the Campus. With this proposed amendment, the right of the students of the Universities to participate in political party activities is no longer restricted.

2. *Clause 1* contains the short title and the provision on the commencement of the proposed Act.
3. *Clause 2* seeks to amend section 15 of Act 30. *Subclause 2(c)* seeks to amend paragraph 15(2)(c) of Act 30 to remove the prohibition on students of the Universities to be involved in political party activities within the Campus.
4. *Clause 3* seeks to provide for a saving provision.
5. Other amendments not specifically dealt with in this Explanatory Statement are amendments which are minor or consequential in nature.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This Bill will not involve the Government in any extra financial expenditure.

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