

Law 4713/2020 (A' 147/29-07-2020) Article 32 "Matters Concerning the Medresses of Thrace".

Article 32

1. In paragraph 1 of article 4 of Law 2621/1998 (A' 136), following subparagraph (c), subparagraphs (ca) to (cc) are hereby added as follows: "(ca) The Medresses shall each have their own five-member school committee for the support of their administrative operation. The term of office of the school committees shall be two (2) years, and their competences, the records to be kept, as well as any other relevant detail concerning their financial management and operation, shall be determined by decision of the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs. Until the school committees are formed, in accordance with subparagraph (cb), the school committees already in operation shall perform only acts of current administration relating to repairs and maintenance of school buildings, payment of rent, settlement of utility bills, and payment of cleaning expenses, (cb)The school committee of the Medresses shall be formed by decision of the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs and shall comprise: (i) the competent Mufti, as Chair, together with his deputy, who shall be either an educator of staff category 73 or a distinguished member of the Muslim minority possessing theological knowledge, appointed upon proposal of the competent Mufti; and (ii) four (4) parents or guardians of students of the Medresse, male or female, together with an equal number of alternates, as members, elected by the parents or guardians of the students of the respective Medresse, (cc)The school committees of the Medresses may be funded through appropriations of the ordinary budget and the public investment budget of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, following a decision of the competent body of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs."
2. In subparagraph (d) of paragraph 1 of article 4 of Law 2621/1998, subparagraph (vi) is added as follows: "(vi) Matters relating to the procedure for the election of the members of the school committees of the Medresses, their appointment, the commencement and termination of their term of office, as well as any issue relating to the support of the operation of the Ecclesiastical Schools."
3. In paragraph 1 of article 4 of Law 2621/1998, following subparagraph (st), subparagraph (z) is added as follows:

"(z) By joint decision of the Ministers of Education and Religious Affairs, Health, Environment and Energy, and Finance, student dormitories may be established to serve the accommodation and committeeing needs of students of the Medresses. By similar decision, the type, procedure, conditions (in particular building and health-related requirements), and any matter relating to their establishment and operation shall be determined. For the operation of each student dormitory, the issuance of an operating license by the competent body of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs shall be required. By decision of the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs issued following a recommendation of the Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace, the internal operating regulation of each student dormitory shall be determined, regulating all matters relating to its administration and operation."
4. Teachers who were recruited under any contract or employment relationship by the school committees of the Medresses operating at the time of publication of the present and who

have been employed in any way in the Medresses for more than one (1) continuous year shall automatically cease to provide their services on 31 August 2020 and shall be entitled to a severance pay for that period equal to that which they would have been entitled to pursuant to the provisions of Law 2112/1920. The duration of their employment in the Medresses shall be proved exclusively by a certificate issued by the competent social security institution. The compensation shall be borne by the budget of the Regional Directorate of Education of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace and shall be cleared by the locally competent financial services in accordance with the applicable provisions. Upon application of the interested party, submitted to the Office of Minority Education of the Regional Directorate of Education of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace and accompanied by the certificate referred to in the second sentence, the relevant payment warrant shall be issued. The basis for calculating the compensation shall be the remuneration declared to the social security institution for the month of August 2020.