

# Immediate opportunities for law reform in CARICOM member states



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**Note:** The dates given in brackets indicate the most recent information held by the Global Initiative, but to our knowledge all bills, draft laws, etc referred to below are currently still “live” and still present opportunities for enacting prohibition of corporal punishment. Information in square brackets is unconfirmed. If you believe any of the information to be incorrect or out of date, please email [info@endcorporalpunishment.org](mailto:info@endcorporalpunishment.org).

State	Opportunities for enacting prohibition	Prohibition included
Antigua and Barbuda	No known opportunities	-
Bahamas	Constitution under review (2013)	NO
Barbados	Penal System Reform (Amendment) Bill, amendments to the Offences Against the Person Act under discussion (2016); Education Act and Regulations possibly being reviewed (2015); Juvenile Justice Bill being drafted (2016); Children's Act under discussion (2017)	[YES]
Belize	No known opportunities	-
Dominica	Juvenile Justice Bill and draft domestic violence law under discussion (2014)	NO
Grenada	Juvenile Justice Act, Child Protection Act and Education Act under review (2013); draft new Constitution under discussion (2015)	?
Haiti	Family Code Bill, draft new Criminal Code, draft Children's Code, Child Protection Bill and Bill on violence against women and girls under discussion (2016)	YES
Jamaica	Child Care and Protection Act, Domestic Violence Act and Offences Against the Person Act under review (2015), amendments to the Education Act being drafted (2017)	YES
St Kitts and Nevis	No known opportunities	-

St Lucia	Juvenile Justice Bill under discussion (2014); Constitutional reform under way (2015)	NO
St Vincent and the Grenadines	Child Justice Bill under discussion (2016)	[NO]
Suriname	Civil Code being revised (2014); Framework Bill on Care Institutions and draft law on foster care under discussion (2014)	NO
Trinidad and Tobago	No known opportunities	-

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