

Immediate opportunities for law reform in the Caribbean



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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 If you believe any of the information to be incorrect or out of date, please email info@endcorporalpunishment.org.

State	Opportunities for enacting prohibition	Prohibition included
Anguilla	OECS draft bills under discussion (2012); Domestic Violence Bill under discussion (2011); Child Justice Bill, Status of Children Bill and Family Law (Guardianship, Custody and Access to Children Bill) under discussion (2016)	NO
Antigua and Barbuda	No known opportunities	-
Aruba	Civil Code being revised	[YES]
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	-
Bermuda	Education Act and Rules under review (2014)	?
Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba	No known opportunities	-
British Virgin Islands	Status of Children Bill and Maintenance of and Access to Children Bill under discussion (2013); new Prison Law and Prison Rules being drafted (2012); OECS draft bills possibly under consideration	NO
Cayman Islands	Education Bill under discussion (2016)	SOME

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)	?
Guadeloupe	No known opportunities	-
Guyana	Education Bill and Regulations under discussion (2014); Juvenile Justice Bill under discussion (2015)	SOME
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
Martinique	No known opportunities	-
Montserrat	OECS draft bills under consideration (2007)	?
Puerto Rico	No known opportunities	-
St Barthelemy	No known opportunities	-
St Kitts and Nevis	No known opportunities	-
St Lucia	Juvenile Justice Bill under discussion (2014); Constitutional reform under way (2015)	NO
St Martin	No known opportunities	-
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	-
Turks and Caicos Islands	OECS draft bills possibly under discussion; review of Education Ordinance planned (2015)	NO
US Virgin Islands	Bill to prohibit corporal punishment in schools under discussion (2014)	SOME

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