

Immediate opportunities for law reform in Latin America



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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 If you believe any of the information to be incorrect or out of date, please email info@endcorporalpunishment.org.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
Chile	Bill Protecting the Rights of Children and Adolescents and Bill to amend Civil Code under discussion (2015); Constitutional reform under way (2015)	[YES]
Colombia	No known opportunities	-
Cuba	Draft Family Code under discussion (2011)	?
Dominican Republic	Civil Code and Penal Code being revised (2014); prohibiting legislation being drafted (2015); Family Code being drafted (2015)	[YES]
Ecuador	Bill on a Childhood and Teenagehood Free from Physical Punishments and Degrading Treatments (2017)	YES
El Salvador	Draft reforms to the Law for the Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents 2009 under discussion (2016); Penal Code under review (2017)	SOME
Guatemala	Draft Law against corporal punishment or other forms of cruel punishment under discussion (2016)	SOME
Mexico	No known opportunities	-
Panama	Drafting of a law on the promotion and integral protection of the family under discussion (2011)	?

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