

Immediate opportunities for law reform in South Asia



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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 If you believe any of the information to be incorrect or out of date, please email info@endcorporalpunishment.org.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 |
|-------------|---|----------------------|
| Afghanistan | Comprehensive Law on Children being drafted (2014); Penal Code, Civil Code and Juvenile Code under review (2014); draft Shiite Personal Status Law under discussion (2014); draft Family Protection Law under consideration (2013) | ? |
| Bangladesh | Law to prohibit corporal punishment in educational institutions and workplaces being drafted (2015); Draft Children Rules under the Children Act 2013, draft Child Education Act and amendments to Disabled Persons Protection and Rights Act 2013 under discussion (2015); new Family Code under discussion (2013) | ? |
| Bhutan | No known opportunities | - |
| India | No known opportunities | - |
| Maldives | Child Rights Bill, Education Bill and Juvenile Justice Bill under discussion (2015) | NO |
| Nepal | Child Rights Bill, Civil Code Bill and Criminal Code Bill under consideration (2015) | ? |
| Pakistan | Juvenile Justice System Bill being drafted (2017); National Commission of the Rights of the Child Bill under discussion (2017); Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection System Bill, Punjab Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Bill, Balochistan Child Protection Bill and Balochistan Corporal Punishment Bill under discussion (2014); Zina laws being reviewed (2011) | [YES] |

Sri Lanka

Amendments to Children and Young Persons Ordinance under discussion (2014); laws being drafted for inspection of childcare institutions and on early childhood care and development (2013); amendments to Orphanages Ordinance planned (2013); Children (Judicial Protection) Bill under discussion (2013)

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