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Report of the
Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection
on
Penal Code (Amendment) Bill

referred to Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection

Presented to Parliament by

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika, M.P.

Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on
Governance, Justice and Civil Protection

Wednesday, 24 September 2025

Report of the Committee

The Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection, at its meeting held on 23 September 2025 in Parliament, considered the following Bill:

- **Penal Code (Amendment) Bill**

(Presented to Parliament on 19 August 2025, and referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection.)

Committee Members Participated:

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika, M.P. (Chair)
Hon. Mujibur Rahman, M.P.
Hon. M.K.M. Aslam, M.P.
Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasingha, Attorney at Law, M.P.
Hon. (Dr.) Sellaththamby Thilaganathan, M.P.
Hon. Major General (Rtd.) G.D. Sooriyabandara, M.P.

Non- Committee Members Participated:

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, M.P.,
Hon. (Mrs.) Chamindranee Kiriella, Attorney at Law, M.P.,
Hon. (Mrs.) Anushka Thilakarathne, Attorney at Law, M.P.,
Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law, M.P.,

Ms. Chula Herath, Assistant Director (Administration)- Secretary to the Committee

Officials Participated

Attorney General's Department

Mr. Sajith Bandara, State Counsel

Legal Draftsman's Department

Mrs. D.M.K.D.K. Dissanayake, Assistant Legal Draftsman

Ministry of Justice and National Integration

Mrs. Piyumanthi Peiris, Additional Secretary (Legal)
Mrs. Chandima Welikala, Senior Assistant Secretary (Legal)
Ms. Lilani Ganegama, Staff of Minister of Justice and National Integration

Ministry of Women and Child Affairs

Mrs. Kumudu Perera, Legal Officer

Sri Lanka Law College

Mr. W.M. Prasantha Lal De Alwis (PC) Attorney at law, Principal

Introduction

The Penal Code (Amendment) Bill is a Bill to amend the Penal Code (Chapter 19) (Corporal Punishment). It has been scientifically proven that corporal punishment causes extensive physical and psychological harm to a child. Therefore, the purpose of this Bill is to amend the Penal Code (Chapter 19) to prohibit violence through corporal punishment in any field and to provide for penalties for physical harm.

Observations of the Committee

1. The Supreme Court has defined "wilfully" as a premeditated act, which made it difficult to prosecute acts of cruelty that occur instantaneously. This Bill aims to change the word "wilfully" in section 308A to "intentionally," aligning it with the standards used for other serious crimes.
2. The penalty has been relaxed for offenders under 18 years of age, such as school prefects used by teachers to implement punishments. Their prison sentence may be for a period of less than six months.

3. A proposed amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure will allow a judge, at his discretion, to impose a punishment other than imprisonment and to order psychological treatment. This will help prevent the misuse of this law for personal revenge against teachers.
4. Teachers are already legally protected by Section 74 of the Penal Code and Sections 303, 306 and 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Decision of the Committee

After consideration, the Committee agreed to the Penal Code (Amendment) Bill and decided that the Report of the Committee thereon be presented to Parliament by the Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika, M.P., Chair of the Committee, on Wednesday, 24 September 2025.