

## ABSTRACT

Countries which have been ranked on the top indexes in economic development were highly dependent on the education of their citizens and their investment in education is very outstanding. Education impacts on all aspects of human life. On the other hand education is a very return worthy investment in human and economic development. This study is mainly conducted on the Research Problem of "What legal reforms could be introduced to overcome the issue of school drop outs or early school leaving in Sri Lanka?" and with allied research questions of What are the unattended causes for early school dropping out?, What are the legal gaps or the vacuities needed novel reforms?, and How could the comparative jurisdictional models be adopted to Sri Lanka? The objective of this study is to recommend suitable legal reforms to overcome the issue of school dropouts. The Research Methodology adopted for the study is comparative in nature and desk based. Constructive comparison of the other jurisdiction is the most affirmative method as it serves the objective of this study to recommend suitable legal reforms. This study recommends that Right to Education should be guaranteed as a Fundamental Right and further forceful legislations to be established to protect the right. This study has some policy concerns for policymakers, such as recommendation to increase the annual budget allocation on free education programs, and to make, take up the concept of "Every Child Matters" at each and every policy making situation.