

## **Labor Child as State Crime; Detailed Study on the Necessity of a Structural Response to Labor Child**

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### **Abstract**

In broad terms, a labor child is referred to a person who is below the legal age and has to engage in an activity/job contrary to her or his desire. Despite the prohibitions on employing children, perhaps for reasons such as the extent of this phenomenon, the network and secret nature of abusers of labor children, the kingship relations between labor children and their abuses,... criminal prosecution of who crime against the children is minor and has not been able to prevent this unfortunate phenomenon as it should be. Thus, this issue necessitates a response beyond the mere criminal prosecution of child labor perpetrators. The present writing draws on a descriptive and analytical methodology and library sources to argue that tackling child labor requires a structural response that considers the responsibility, particularly criminal responsibility, of all persons, institutions, organizations, and administrative authorities somehow involved in this issue. Finally, It has been concluded that a criminal response, albeit a minimal one, can be formulated despite legal gaps in this domain to deal with the failures of legal and natural persons regarding the labor child phenomenon.

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