ABSTRACT

ACADEMIC MANUSCRIPT FOR THE REGIONAL REGULATION DRAFT OF* TAKALAR *REGENCY ON THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

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This study discusses the urgency of establishing a Regional Regulation on the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Takalar *Regency to strengthen the child protection system. The persistently high number of child violence cases occurring from year to year indicates that the protection and fulfillment of children's rights in* Takalar *Regency has not been carried out optimally. Regional Regulation of* Takalar *Regency Number 20 of 2008 is considered to have not fully accommodated the development of national regulations, particularly following the amendment of the Child Protection Law and the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which encompass the right to life, the right to grow and develop, the right to protection, and the right to participation.*

This study applied a qualitative research method using normative and empirical juridical approaches through library research and interviews with stakeholders involved in child protection in Takalar *Regency. The data consisted of primary and secondary data, which were then analyzed to identify the empirical conditions of child protection, the urgency of establishing regional regulations, and the philosophical, sociological, and juridical foundations in the drafting of the regional regulation.*

The results of the study indicate that the establishment of a Regional Regulation on the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Takalar *Regency is strongly necessary in order to realize a more effective, integrated, and sustainable child protection system. This regulation is expected to be capable of strengthening efforts in prevention, handling, rehabilitation, and the comprehensive fulfillment of children's rights, while simultaneously serving as a legal instrument responsive to social developments and child protection challenges in the digital era. The establishment of such a regional regulation is also expected to support the realization of a Child-Friendly Regency and regional development oriented toward the best interests of the child.*

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