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ALASKA

2023 Report Card

TIER III

GRADES ARE BASED SOLELY ON AN ANALYSIS OF STATE STATUTES. While we recognize the critical importance of non-legislative responses to propel progress, grading on statutory law provides a clear mechanism for evaluating policy goals across all states while ensuring that survivor-centered reforms are an enduring part of states' responses.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Between 2021-2023, raised score by 8.5 points.
- Requires convicted offenders of child sex or labor trafficking or CSEC offenses to pay restitution to victims.
- Allows child and youth victims of sex or labor trafficking to seek accountability for their offenders through civil processes.
- The statutes of limitation have been eliminated for any criminal or civil action related to sex or labor trafficking.
- Business entities can be criminally liable for conduct amount to human trafficking.

SAFE HARBOR STATUS:

One of 21 states that fail to prohibit the criminalization of minors for prostitution offenses, thus allowing commercially sexually exploited minors to be held criminally accountable for their own victimization.

Issue			Grade	Score	Summary
	1. Criminal Provisions		F	$\frac{10}{17.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to buyer accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, decoy defenses, and business entity liability under the trafficking law. Gaps remain related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law, trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, and financial penalties.
	2. Identification of and Response to Victims		F	$\frac{3.5}{27.5}$	Policy goal accomplished related to child abuse definitions. Gaps remain related to third party control, foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-caregiver trafficking cases.
	3. Continuum of Care		F	$\frac{2}{15}$	Gaps remain in all areas, including community-based services, MDT responses, services through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, extended foster care services, and appropriations.
	4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors		F	$\frac{8.5}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to restitution, civil remedies, and statutes of limitation. Gaps remain related to civil orders of protection, crime victims' compensation, and vacatur.
	5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response		F	$\frac{2}{10}$	Gaps remain in all areas, including hearsay exceptions, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, victim-witness supports, and privileged communications.
	6. Prevention and Training		F	$\frac{0}{15}$	Gaps remain in all areas, including training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, law enforcement, prosecutors, and school personnel as well as prevention education in schools.
EXTRA CREDIT		Youth		2	Protections related to civil remedies and statutes of limitation are extended to sex trafficked youth.
		Child Labor Trafficking		3	Protections related to restitution, civil remedies, and statutes of limitation are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
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