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ILLINOIS

2023 Report Card

TIER II

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 6.5 points.
- Enacted House Bill 3414, providing judges with greater discretion to consider the impact of sexual harm during sentencing and allowing youth to be identified as child victims protecting themselves from an abuser instead of being criminalized in adult court.
- Commercially sexually exploited children can be identified as child sex trafficking victims regardless of whether they have or identify a trafficker.
- Extended foster care services are available to youth under 23 years of age, providing an especially vulnerable group of young people access to services and care that may mitigate risk factors to harm, including exploitation.

SAFE HARBOR STATUS:

One of 30 states that statutorily prohibit the criminalization of minors under the core prostitution offense.

Issue		Grade	Score	Summary
	1. Criminal Provisions	B	$\frac{15.5}{17.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to buyer and trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, decoy defenses, business entity liability under the trafficking law, and financial penalties. Gaps remain related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law and mistake of age defenses.
	2. Identification of and Response to Victims	F	$\frac{10.5}{27.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to third party control, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain related to foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-caregiver trafficking cases.
	3. Continuum of Care	F	$\frac{4}{15}$	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	D	$\frac{10}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to restitution and civil remedies. Gaps remain related to civil orders of protection, crime victims' compensation, vacatur, and statutes of limitation.
	5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	F	$\frac{4}{10}$	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	$\frac{5.5}{15}$	Policy goal accomplished related to prevention education in schools. Gaps remain related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, law enforcement, prosecutors, and school personnel.
EXTRA CREDIT	 Youth		1	Protection related to civil remedies is extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking		4	Protections related to financial penalties, child abuse definitions, restitution, and civil remedies are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
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F 54.5