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2023 Report Card

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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.
- Following a multi-year effort, Senate Bill 48 passed, amending the human trafficking offense to clearly apply to buyers and, thus, eliminating the third-party control requirement.
- Requires school personnel and law enforcement to receive training on identification and responses to child sex trafficking.
- Allows child and youth victims of sex or labor trafficking to seek accountability for their offenders through civil processes.

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		D	$\frac{12}{17.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law, trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, decoy defenses, and business entity liability under the trafficking law. Gaps remain related to buyer accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, and financial penalties.
	2. Identification of and Response to Victims		F	$\frac{8.5}{27.5}$	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	$\frac{2}{15}$	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		D	$\frac{9.5}{15}$	Policy goal accomplished related to civil remedies. Gaps remain related to civil orders of protection, crime victims' compensation, vacatur, restitution, and statutes of limitation.
	5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response		C	$\frac{7}{10}$	Policy goals accomplished related to victim-witness supports and privileged communications. Gaps remain related to hearsay exceptions and alternatives to live, in-court testimony.
	6. Prevention and Training		F	$\frac{5}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to training for law enforcement and school personnel. Gaps remain related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, and prosecutors as well as prevention education in schools.
EXTRA CREDIT		Youth		2	Protections related to civil remedies and privileged communications are extended to sex trafficked youth.
		Child Labor Trafficking		3	Protections related to child abuse definitions, civil remedies, and privileged communications are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
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