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MINNESOTA

2023 Report Card

TIER I

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 17.5 points.
- Currently ranked 3rd in the nation.
- One of 10 states to raise their letter grade this year.
- Seventh most improved in 2023 (raised score by 12.5 points this year alone).
- One of the leading states for enacting laws related to providing a sustainably funded, coordinated Safe Har-

bor response to children and youth under 25 impacted by sex and labor trafficking.

- Over \$4,000,000 was appropriated from state funds to support the provision of Safe Harbor services.
- Enacted Senate File 2995, creating a specialized child welfare process for investigating non-caregiver cases of child sex trafficking.

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	$\frac{15}{17.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to buyer and trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, decoy defenses, business entity liability under the trafficking law, and financial penalties. Gap remains related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law.
	2. Identification of and Response to Victims	F	$\frac{13}{27.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to screening through child welfare, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, child abuse definitions, and non-caregiver trafficking cases. Gaps remain related to third party control, foreign national victims, screening through the juvenile justice system, expanded non-criminalization, and juvenile court jurisdiction.
	3. Continuum of Care	B	$\frac{12}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to community-based services, services through child welfare, extended foster care services, and appropriations. Gaps remain related to MDT responses and services through the juvenile justice system.
	4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	C	$\frac{11.5}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to civil orders of protection, restitution, and civil remedies. Gaps remain related to crime victims' compensation, vacatur, and statutes of limitation.
	5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	C	$\frac{7.5}{10}$	Policy goal accomplished related to privileged communications. Gaps remain related to hearsay exceptions, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, and victim-witness supports.
	6. Prevention and Training	D	$\frac{9.5}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, and prosecutors. Gaps remain related to training for law enforcement and school personnel as well as prevention education in schools.
EXTRA CREDIT	Youth		4	Protections related to community-based services, appropriations, civil remedies, and privileged communications are extended to sex trafficked youth.
	Child Labor Trafficking		5	Protections related to financial penalties, community-based services, appropriations, civil orders of protection, restitution, and civil remedies are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
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