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TENNESSEE

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:

- Overall most improved (from 2021-2023, raised score by 28.5 points).
- Nation's first "A" state and top scorer in both 2022 and 2023.
- Leads the nation for laws related to identification and response to survivors of child sex trafficking and stakeholder training.
- Provides for a survivor-centered multi-disciplinary team response to child sex trafficking cases.
- Extends foster care services to youth under 24 years of age and also urges the private, nonprofit community to establish a network to provide information, assistance, services, and supports to persons from 16 to 24 years of age who were in foster care when they turned 18.
- Appropriated over \$3,000,000 in state funds to community-based service providers to support the development and provision of specialized services for trafficking survivors.

SAFE HARBOR STATUS:

One of 30 states that statutorily prohibit the criminalization of minors for prostitution.

Issue		Grade	Score	Summary
	1. Criminal Provisions	A	$\frac{17.5}{17.5}$	Policy goals accomplished in all areas, including buyer accountability under the trafficking law, buyer and trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, decoy defenses, business entity liability under the trafficking law, and financial penalties.
	2. Identification of and Response to Victims	C	$\frac{21}{27.5}$	Policy goals accomplished related to third party control, foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain related to expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-caregiver trafficking cases.
	3. Continuum of Care	F	$\frac{7.5}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to MDT responses, extended foster care services, and appropriations. Gaps remain related to community-based services and services through child welfare and the juvenile justice system.
	4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	B	$\frac{12.5}{15}$	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	A	$\frac{9}{10}$	Policy goals accomplished related to alternatives to live, in-court testimony and privileged communications. Gaps remain related to hearsay exceptions and victim-witness supports.
	6. Prevention and Training	A	$\frac{14.5}{15}$	Policy goals accomplished related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, prosecutors, and school personnel as well as prevention education in schools. Gap remains related to training for law enforcement.
EXTRA CREDIT	 Youth		3	Protections related to appropriations, civil remedies, and privileged communications are extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking		5	Protections related to financial penalties, appropriations, civil orders of protection, restitution, civil remedies, and privileged communications are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

OVERALL GRADE
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A 90