

State Comparison: Criminal Liability for Buyers of Sex with Minors

State	Trafficking Law may apply to buyers ¹	Relies on "obtain"	CSEC applies to buyers (at least one offense)
Alabama	Yes*	Yes	No
Alaska	No	n/a	Yes
Arizona	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arkansas	Yes*	Yes	Yes
California	No	n/a	No
Colorado	No	n/a	Yes
Connecticut	No	n/a	Yes
Delaware	Yes	No	No
DC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Florida	Yes	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hawaii	n/a	n/a	No
Idaho	Yes	No	No
Illinois	Yes	Yes	Yes
Indiana	Yes	No	No
Iowa	Yes	No	Yes
Kansas	Yes	Yes	No
Kentucky	Yes	Yes	Yes
Louisiana	Yes	No	Yes
Maine	n/a	n/a	Yes
Maryland	No	n/a	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes	No	Yes
Michigan	Yes*	Yes	No
Minnesota	No	n/a	Yes
Mississippi	Yes	No	No
Missouri	Yes	Yes ²	Yes
Montana	Yes*	Yes	Yes
Nebraska	Yes	No	Yes
Nevada	No	n/a	Yes
New Hampshire	Yes*	Yes	No
New Jersey	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Mexico	Yes	Yes	Yes
New York	No	n/a	Yes
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	Yes	Yes	No
Ohio	No	n/a	Yes
Oklahoma	Yes	No	Yes
Oregon	No	n/a	Yes
Pennsylvania	Yes*	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island	Yes	No	Yes
South Carolina	Yes*	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	Yes*	Yes	No
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Yes
Texas	Yes	No	Yes
Utah	Yes*	Yes	No
Vermont	Yes	No	Yes
Virginia	n/a	n/a	No
Washington	Yes*	Yes	Yes
West Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wyoming	n/a	n/a	No
TOTALS:	37	25	36

¹ Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted before August 1, 2012, as analyzed in the 2012 Protected Innocence Challenge Report, available at <http://sharedhope.org/what-we-do/bring-justice/reportcards/>. An (*) indicates that state trafficking law's applicability is limited by a requirement that the buyer used force, fraud or coercion to commit the offense, or obtained the minor with knowledge that force, fraud or coercion had been or would be used to cause the minor to engage in commercial sexual activity.

² Missouri's trafficking law may apply to buyers either directly or through use of the term "obtains."