

State Comparison: Factors Affecting Child Protective Services Involvement in Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Minors Cases

State	State law defines child abuse and neglect to include commercial sexual exploitation ¹	State defines “caregiver” or similar term broadly enough to include non-familial traffickers who have custody or control of a minor victim ²	Is CPS involvement likely? (Is abuse defined to include CSEC and is caregiver broadly defined?) ³
Alabama	Yes	No	No
Alaska	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arizona	Yes	No	No
Arkansas	Yes	No	No
California	No	No	No
Colorado	Yes*	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	No	No	No
Delaware	No	Yes	No
DC	Yes	No	No
Florida	Yes*	No	No
Georgia	Yes	No	No
Hawaii	Yes	No	No
Idaho	Yes	No	No
Illinois	Yes*	Yes	Yes
Indiana	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iowa	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kansas	Yes	No	No
Kentucky	Yes	Yes	Yes
Louisiana	No	No	No
Maine	No	No	No
Maryland	Yes*	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	No	Yes	Yes
Michigan	Yes	No	No
Minnesota	Yes*	No	No
Mississippi	Yes	Yes	Yes
Missouri	No	No	No
Montana	Yes	No	No
Nebraska	Yes	No	No
Nevada	Yes	No	No
New Hampshire	Yes	No	No
New Jersey	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Mexico	Yes	Yes	Yes
New York	Yes	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	No	No	No
Ohio	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma	Yes	No	No
Oregon	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pennsylvania	Yes	No	No
Rhode Island	Yes	No	No
South Carolina	No	Yes	No
South Dakota	No	No	No
Tennessee	Yes	No	No
Texas	Yes*	No	No
Utah	No	No	No
Vermont	Yes	Yes	Yes
Virginia	No	No	No
Washington	Yes	No	No
West Virginia	No	Yes	No
Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wyoming	No	No	No
TOTALS:	37	20	16

¹ See Component 5.5 of the Protected Innocence Challenge Methodology: http://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/SHI_ProtectedInnocence_Methodology_FINAL.pdf. For purposes of this chart, “commercial sexual exploitation” includes exploitation through child pornography or prostitution. Fields with an asterisk (*) indicate that sex trafficking is specifically included in the definition of abuse or neglect.

² See Component 5.5 of the Protected Innocence Challenge Methodology: http://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/SHI_ProtectedInnocence_Methodology_FINAL.pdf

³ Responses are solely based on statutory law and do not reflect regulatory or practice-based responses by agencies providing child protective services in cases of commercial sexual exploitation. Statutory analysis in this chart is taken from the 2012 Protected Innocence Challenge Report and supporting analysis for each state, available at <http://sharedhope.org/what-we-do/bring-justice/state-by-state-grades/>. Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted before August 1, 2012.