

State Comparison: Availability of State RICO and Gang Laws to Combat Sex Trafficking Enterprises

State	State RICO or Gang Law Includes CSEC ¹ Offenses as Predicate Criminal Activity	State RICO or Gang Law Includes Trafficking As Predicate Criminal Activity ²
Alabama	No	No
Alaska	No	No
Arizona	Yes ³	No
Arkansas	No*	No*
California	Yes	Yes
Colorado	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	Yes	Yes
Delaware	No*	No*
DC	No	No
Florida	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Yes	Yes
Hawaii	Yes	No
Idaho	Yes	No
Illinois	Yes	Yes
Indiana	Yes	Yes
Iowa	No*	No*
Kansas	No	No
Kentucky	No	Yes
Louisiana	No	No
Maine	No	No
Maryland	No	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes	Yes
Michigan	Yes	Yes
Minnesota	No	Yes
Mississippi	Yes	No
Missouri	No	No
Montana	No	No
Nebraska	Yes	Yes
Nevada	Yes	No
New Hampshire	No	No
New Jersey	Yes	Yes
New Mexico	No	No
New York	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	No*	No*
North Dakota	Yes	Yes
Ohio	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes
Oregon	Yes	Yes
Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes
South Carolina	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	No*	No*
Tennessee	Yes	No
Texas	Yes	Yes
Utah	Yes	Yes
Vermont	No	No
Virginia	Yes	No
Washington	Yes	No
West Virginia	Yes	Yes
Wisconsin	Yes	Yes
Wyoming	Yes	No
TOTALS:	32	26

¹ Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).

² 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/state-by-state-grades/>. "No" responses with an asterisk (*) indicate either: (1) that the state has a broad RICO or gang crime statute that includes any felony offense as a predicate without specifically referencing sex trafficking or CSEC offenses, or (2) that the state provides a penalty enhancement when a sex trafficking or CSEC offense is committed as part of a gang activity, but does not separately criminalize membership in a gang that engages in criminal activity that includes sex trafficking or CSEC.

³ Includes prostitution offenses involving prostitution punishable by more than one year in prison which includes state CSEC laws.