

# PROTECTED INNOCENCE CHALLENGE

STATE ACTION. NATIONAL CHANGE.

## 2014 National Legislative Progress Report

The third annual Protected Innocence Challenge report released on November 7, 2013 revealed substantial improvements in state legislative responses to domestic minor sex trafficking, as well as the gaps that remain and allow children to be sexually exploited for profit. The comprehensive analysis of each state's existing laws was based on six areas of law critical to protecting children from and responding to domestic minor sex trafficking. Starting with the inaugural release in 2011, the Protected Innocence Challenge has been a call for state action to bring national change. Now, almost four years later, the legislative changes enacted during the 2014 session demonstrate that the call for change continues to be answered. Strong momentum in the 2014 session addressing domestic minor sex trafficking reflects the efforts of advocates across the country who are using the Protected Innocence tools to press for change, and the state legislators who are responding to the challenge and introducing laws to fix the gaps that allow trafficked children to remain vulnerable, unidentified and deprived of vital services and justice. Not only are the vast majority of states introducing legislation relating to domestic minor sex trafficking, but several states are tackling two of the most challenging areas of law addressed by the Protected Innocence Framework—demand and protective provisions for child victims.

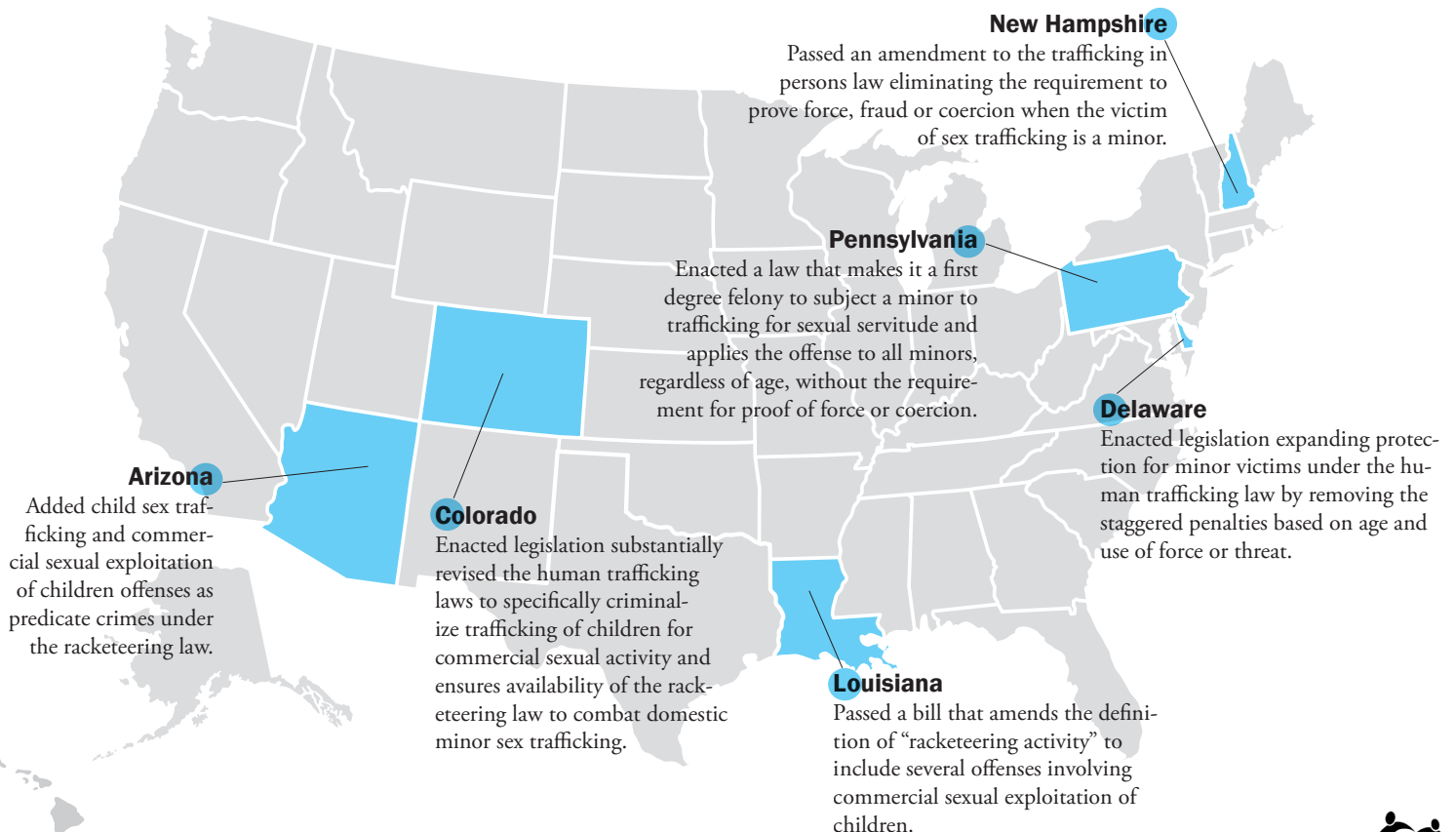
### Since August 1, 2013:

- 530 bills that relate to the Protected Innocence Challenge framework were introduced in 42 states and D.C.
- 37 states enacted 123 bills relating to the Protected Innocence Challenge framework.

*Statistics are based on Congressional Quarterly StateTrack report summarized on August 1, 2014.*

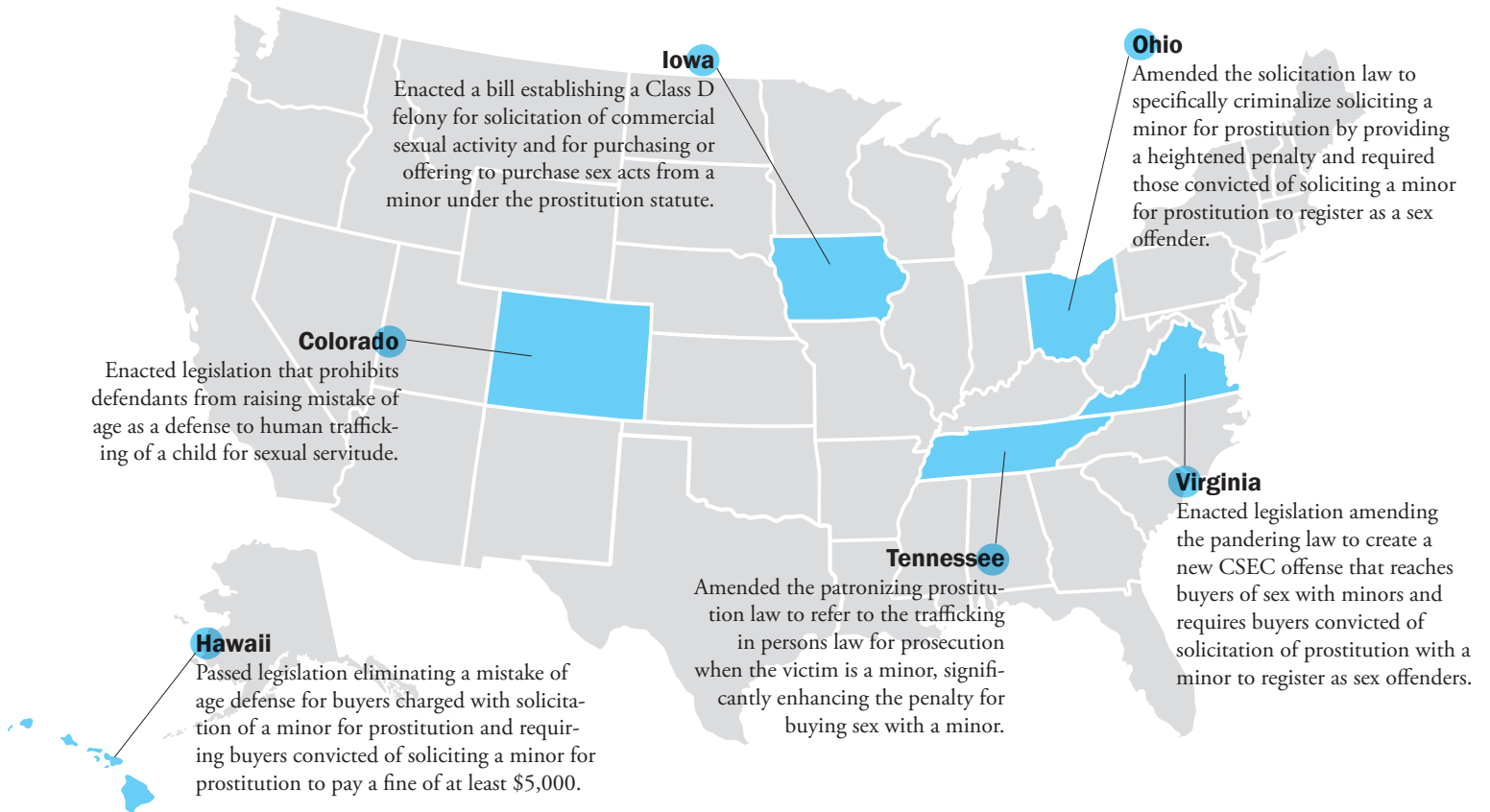
### Legislative Highlight

## CRIMINALIZATION OF DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING

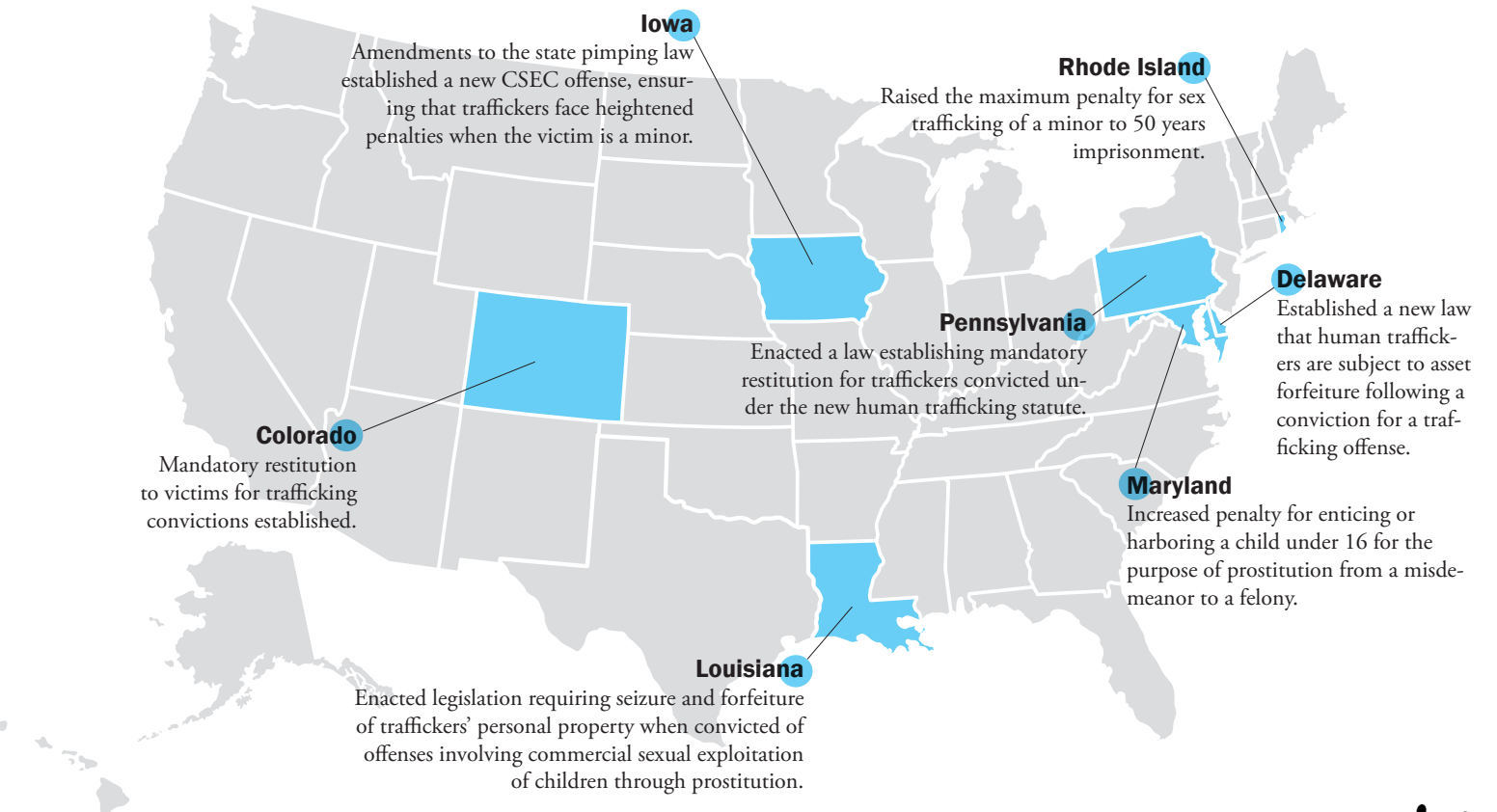


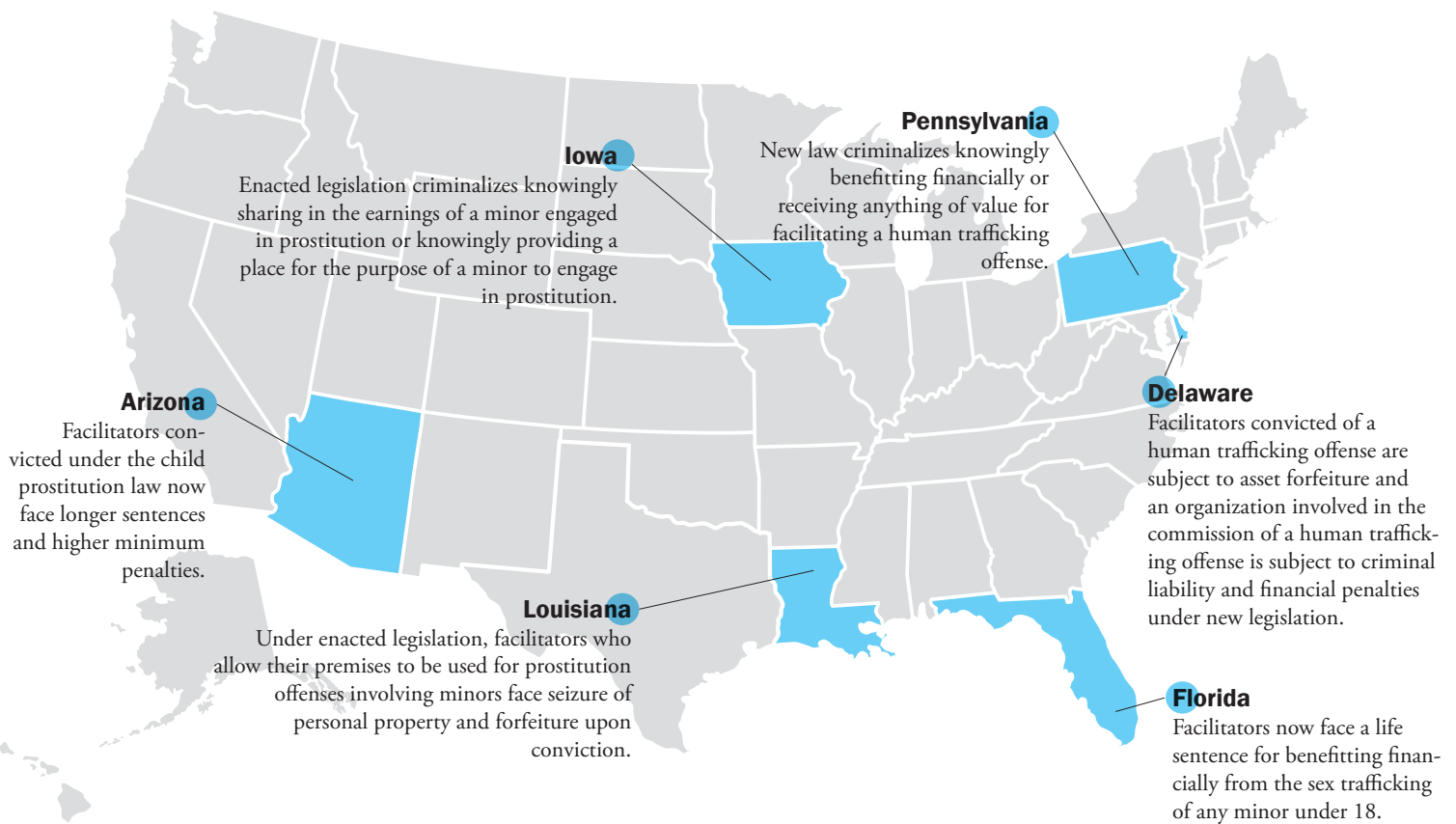
## CRIMINAL PROVISIONS ADDRESSING DEMAND

Legislative highlight

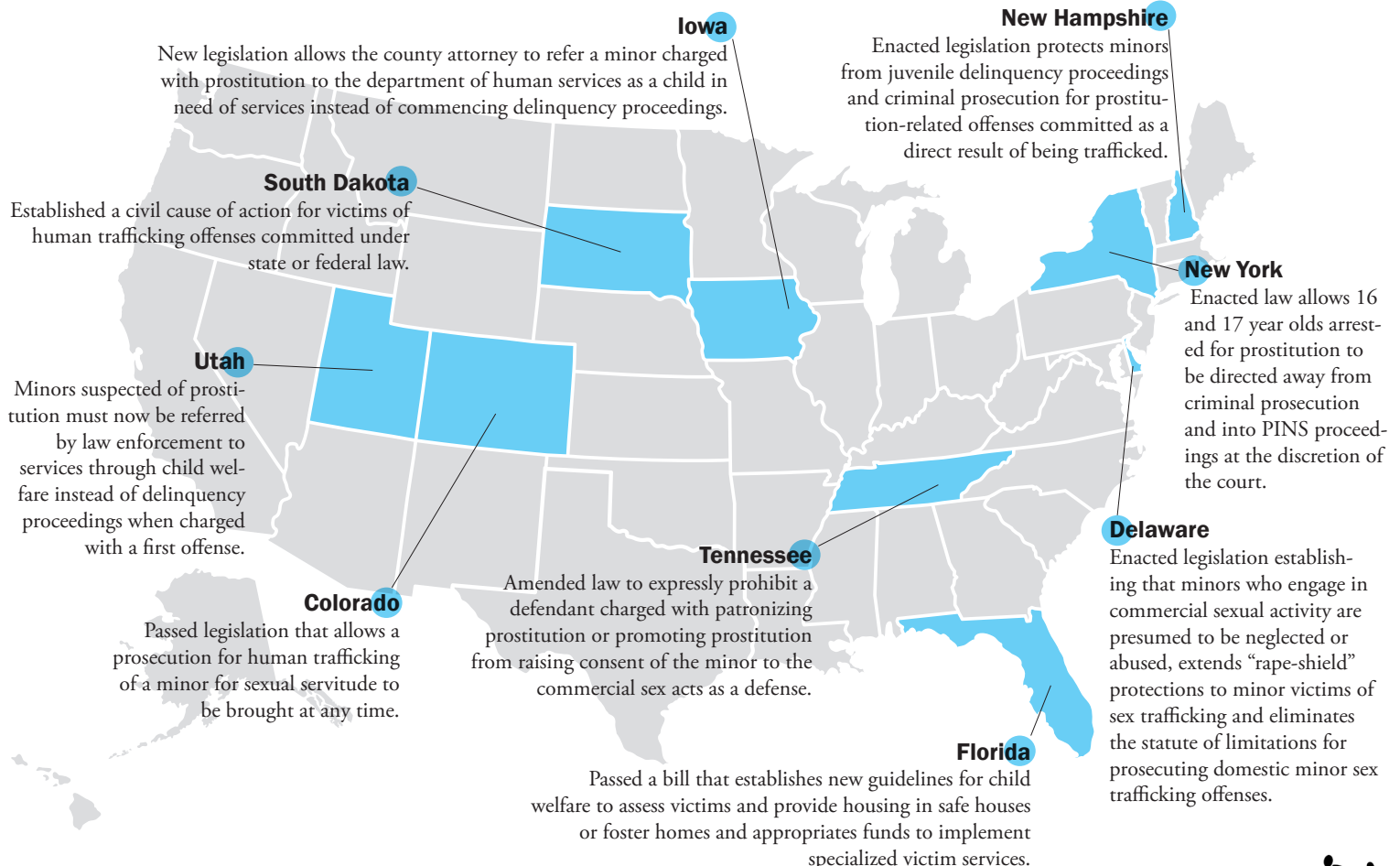


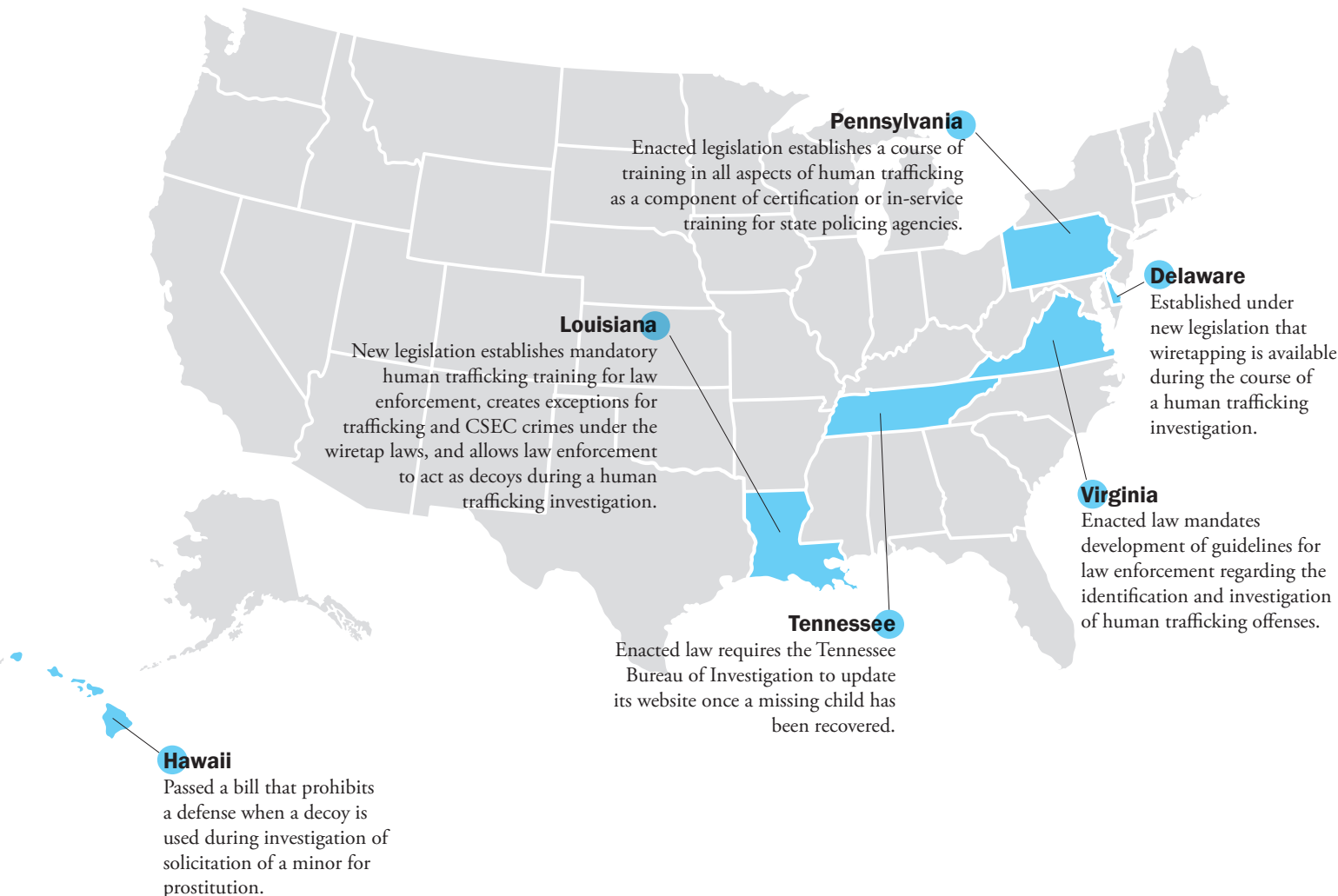
## CRIMINAL PROVISIONS FOR TRAFFICKERS





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