

State Law Survey: 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 | State defines “caregiver” or similar term broadly enough to include non-familial traffickers who have custody or control of a minor victim | Is CPS involvement likely? (Is abuse defined to include CSEC and is caregiver broadly defined?) ⁱ |
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| 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 | Yes | No |
| Delaware | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| DC | Yes | No | No |
| Florida | Yes* | Yes | Yes |
| 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 | Yes | 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 | No | No |
| North Dakota | No | No | No |
| Ohio | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| 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 | Yes | Yes |
| 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 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Totals | 40 | 23 | 20 |

ⁱ 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. Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted before August 1, 2014.