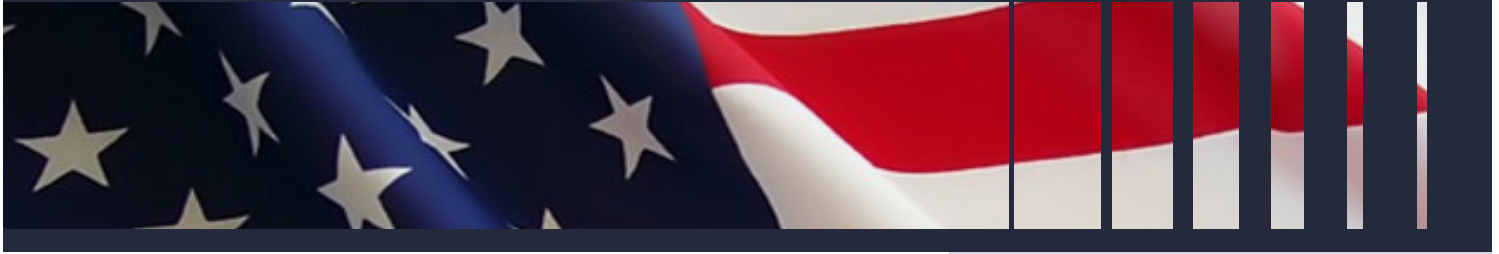
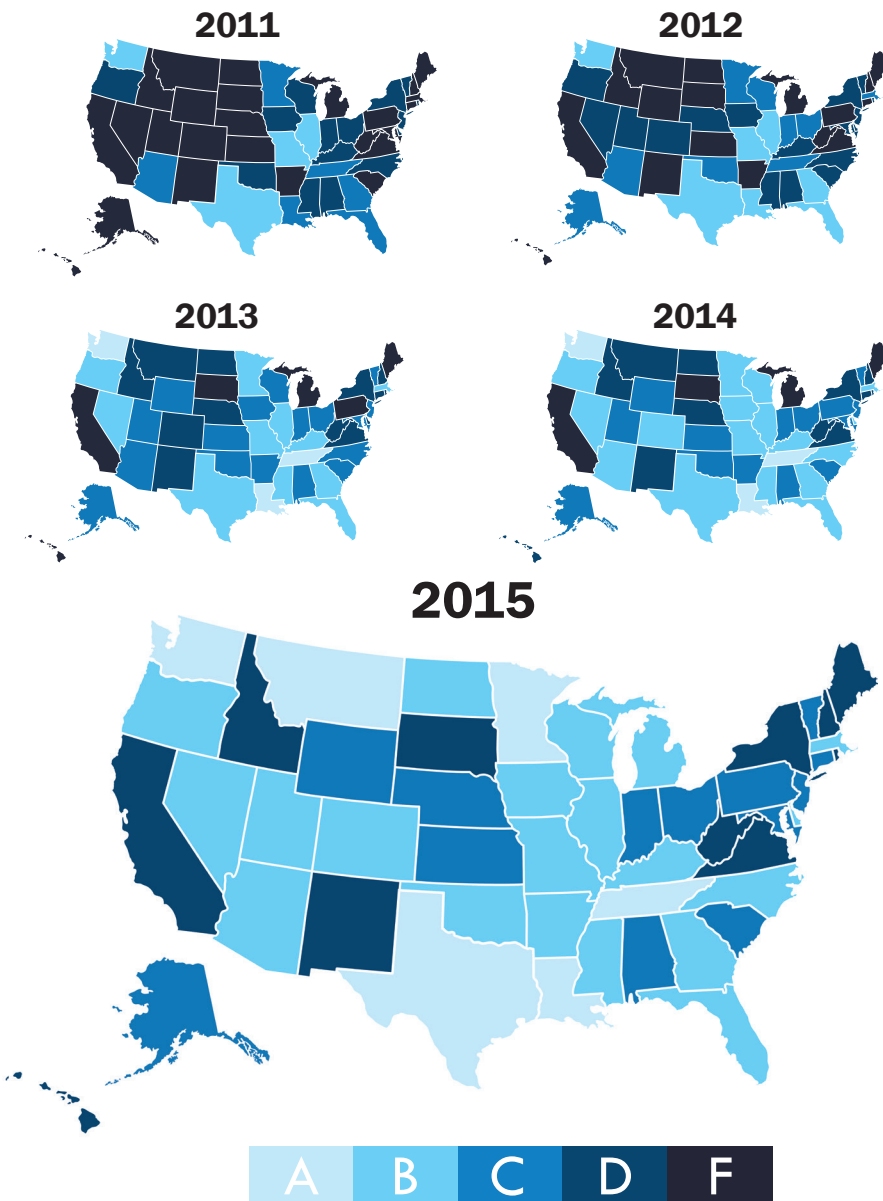


# PROTECTED INNOCENCE CHALLENGE

STATE ACTION. NATIONAL CHANGE.



The Protected Innocence Challenge is a comprehensive study of state laws that address domestic minor sex trafficking. Each year, states receive a report card grading its laws and an analysis and recommendations report that identifies areas for improvement. This study serves as a blueprint for policy makers and advocates to target efforts to address key gaps in state law for the protection of children.



**236**  
bills relating to the  
Protected Innocence  
Challenge Framework  
enacted in 42 states

**933**  
bills related to domestic  
minor sex trafficking  
introduced in 50 states

**14**  
States raised  
the grade

**3**  
States improved  
2+ letter grades

**Michigan**  
Most Improved  
(Score Increase: 27 points)

**Louisiana**  
Highest Score  
(Final Score: 99.5 points)

**Analysis and Recommendations report, State Report Card, Issue Briefs available at [www.sharedhope.org/reportcards](http://www.sharedhope.org/reportcards)**

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Total Possible	Criminalization of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking						Total	Grade
	10	25	15	10	27.5	15		
	Criminal Provisions Addressing Demand	Criminal Provisions for Traffickers	Criminal Provisions for Facilitators	Protective Provisions for Child Victims	Criminal Justice Tools for Investigation and Prosecution			
Alabama	7	16.5	15	7.5	13.5	15	74.5	C
Alaska	5	16.5	15	9.5	15	12	73	C
Arizona	10	21	15	7.5	15.5	12.5	81.5	B
Arkansas	10	22	12.5	10	15	12.5	82	B
California	7.5	14	11	3.5	20	9.5	65.5	D
Colorado	10	23.5	12.5	5	21	10	82	B
Connecticut	10	15.5	14.5	5	22	7.5	74.5	C
Delaware	10	18.5	15	6	22.5	12.5	84.5	B
D.C.	6	17	9.5	7.5	21	10	71	C
Florida	10	20.5	15	6	20	15	86.5	B
Georgia	10	24.5	15	5	17	9.5	81	B
Hawaii	5	15	12	7	14	9.5	62.5	D
Idaho	7.5	18.5	15	5	8.5	10	64.5	D
Illinois	10	20.5	14.5	7.5	24.5	10	87	B
Indiana	10	14.5	14.5	4.5	21	15	79.5	C
Iowa	10	23	15	6	18.5	15	87.5	B
Kansas	10	19.5	13.5	6	19	10	78	C
Kentucky	10	20.5	15	6	23.5	10	85	B
Louisiana	10	25	15	10	24.5	15	99.5	A
Maine	7.5	14.5	12	6	15	7.5	62.5	D
Maryland	7.5	18.5	12.5	7.5	16	15	77	C
Massachusetts	10	21	15	7.5	17.5	10	81	B
Michigan	10	23	12.5	7	16	12.5	81	B
Minnesota	10	18.5	15	7.5	24	15	90	A
Mississippi	10	24.5	15	7.5	22	7.5	86.5	B
Missouri	7.5	23	15	9.5	18.5	12.5	86	B
Montana	8.5	25	15	7.5	24.5	10	90.5	A
Nebraska	10	20.5	10.5	6	14	12	73	C
Nevada	7.5	24	15	7	18.5	12	84	B
New Hampshire	8.5	10	14.5	3.5	19	7	62.5	D
New Jersey	10	22	12	7.5	18	9.5	79	C
New Mexico	7.5	13.5	12.5	6	14.5	10	64	D
New York	8.5	12	12.5	9	14	10	66	D
North Carolina	10	22	12.5	4.5	21	10	80	B
North Dakota	10	16	15	5	24.5	10	80.5	B
Ohio	9.5	17	14.5	4.5	17.5	15	78	C
Oklahoma	10	20.5	15	7.5	22	12	87	B
Oregon	9.5	18	15	7.5	18	15	83	B
Pennsylvania	7.5	19	12	7	14	14.5	74	C
Rhode Island	10	20.5	12	7.5	8.5	9.5	68	D
South Carolina	10	21	11	6	20.5	7.5	76	C
South Dakota	8	17.5	15	7.5	7.5	7	62.5	D
Tennessee	10	25	15	10	19	14.5	93.5	A
Texas	10	25	15	7.5	18	15	90.5	A
Utah	7.5	23	15	7.5	18	10	81	B
Vermont	7.5	17	11	6	24.5	7.5	73.5	C
Virginia	7.5	17	12.5	5	11.5	12.5	66	D
Washington	10	24	15	9.5	21	12.5	92	A
West Virginia	10	22.5	15	7.5	18	10	83	B
Wisconsin	7.5	18	12	3.5	13	12	66	D
Wyoming	10	16	12.5	3.5	20.5	7.5	70	C