

National State Law Survey: Addressing Demand Under Sex Trafficking Laws

State ¹	Is there a buyer applicable trafficking law?	Applicable offense	Does the <i>core</i> sex trafficking offense expressly include the conduct of buyers?
Alabama	Yes	Ala. Code § 13A-6-152 (Human trafficking in the first degree)	Yes
Alaska	No	N/A	N/A
Arizona	Yes	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-3212 (Child sex trafficking; classification; increased punishment; definition)	Yes
Arkansas	Yes	Ark. Code Ann. § 5-18-103 (Trafficking of persons)	Yes
California	No	N/A	N/A
Colorado	Yes	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-3-504 (Human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude)	No
Connecticut	No	N/A	N/A
Delaware	Yes	Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 787 (Trafficking an individual; forced labor and sexual servitude)	Yes
DC	Yes	D.C. Code § 22-1834 (Sex trafficking of children)	No
Florida	Yes	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 787.06 (Human trafficking)	Yes
Georgia	Yes	Ga. Code Ann. § 16-5-46 (Trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude)	Yes
Hawaii	No	N/A	N/A
Idaho	Yes	Idaho Code Ann. § 18-8602 (Human trafficking defined)	Yes
Illinois	Yes	720 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/10-9 (Trafficking in persons, involuntary servitude, and related offenses)	No
Indiana	Yes	Ind. Code Ann. § 35-42-3.5-1.4 (Human trafficking)	Yes
Iowa	Yes	Iowa Code § 710A.2 (Human trafficking)	Yes
Kansas	Yes	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 21-5426 (Human trafficking; aggravated human trafficking)	Yes

¹ Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of August 1, 2019. For related policy goals, background information, and select statute highlights, please visit http://sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Issue_Briefs/Issue_Briefs_2.1.pdf.

Kentucky	Yes	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 529.100 (Human trafficking)	No
Louisiana	Yes	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 14:46.3 (Trafficking of children for sexual purposes)	Yes
Maine	No	N/A	N/A
Maryland	No	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts	Yes	Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 265, § 50 (Human trafficking—Sexual servitude)	No
Michigan	Yes	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 750.462e (Forced labor or services; prohibited conduct as relates to age of minor)	No
Minnesota	No	N/A	N/A
Mississippi	Yes	Miss. Code Ann. § 97-3-54.1 (Human Trafficking Act; prohibited conduct; penalty)	No
Missouri	Yes	Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.211 (Sexual trafficking of a child) ²	No
Montana	Yes	Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-702 (Trafficking of persons)	No
Nebraska	Yes	Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 28-830 (Human trafficking; forced labor or services; terms, defined)	Yes
Nevada	Yes	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 201.300 (Pandering and sex trafficking: Definitions; penalties; exception)	No
New Hampshire	Yes	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 633:7 (Trafficking in persons)	Yes
New Jersey	Yes	N.J. Stat. Ann-. § 2C:13-8 (Human trafficking)	No
New Mexico	Yes	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 30-52-1 (Human trafficking)	Yes
New York	No	N/A	N/A
North Carolina	Yes	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-43.13 (Sexual servitude); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-43.11 (Human trafficking)	No
North Dakota	Yes ³	N.D. Cent. Code § 12.1-41-05 (Patronizing a victim of sexual servitude); N.D. Cent. Code § 12.1-41-06 (Patronizing a minor for commercial sexual activity)	No
Ohio	No	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma	Yes	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 748 (Human trafficking)	Yes
Oregon	Yes	Or. Rev. Stat. § 163.266 (Trafficking in persons)	No
Pennsylvania	Yes	18 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3011 (Trafficking in individuals)	Yes

² Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.211 (Sexual trafficking of a child—penalty) applies to all minors, but Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.210 (Sexual trafficking of a child under age twelve—affirmative defense not allowed, when—penalty) provides an enhanced penalty when the victim is under the age of 12.

³ The core human trafficking law, N.D. Cent. Code § 12.1-41-02 (Trafficking an individual), and the sex trafficking law, N.D. Cent. Code § 12.1-41-04 (Sexual servitude), do not apply to buyers, but two offenses within the human trafficking chapter are applicable to buyers.

Rhode Island	Yes ⁴	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 11-67.1-6 (Patronizing a victim of sexual servitude); R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 11-67.1-7 (Patronizing a minor for commercial sexual activity)	No
South Carolina	Yes	S.C. Code Ann. § 16-3-2020 (Trafficking in persons; penalties; defenses)	Yes
South Dakota	Yes	S.D. Codified Laws § 22-49-1 (Human trafficking prohibited)	No
Tennessee	Yes	Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-309 (Trafficking for commercial sex acts)	Yes
Texas	Yes	Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 20A.02 (Trafficking of persons)	Yes
Utah	Yes	Utah Code Ann. § 76-5-308.5 (Human trafficking of a child—Penalties)	Yes
Vermont	Yes	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 2652 (Human trafficking)	No
Virginia	No	N/A	N/A
Washington	Yes	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9A.40.100 (Trafficking)	Yes
West Virginia	Yes ⁵	W. Va. Code Ann. § 61-14-6 (Patronizing a victim of sexual servitude; penalties)	No
Wisconsin	Yes	Wis. Stat. § 948.051 (Trafficking of a child)	Yes
Wyoming	Yes	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-2-707 (Patronizing a victim of sexual servitude)	No
Totals:	40 states & DC have a buyer-applicable trafficking law		22 core trafficking laws have language <i>expressly</i> applicable to buyers

⁴ The core human trafficking law, R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 11-67.1-3 (Trafficking an individual), does not apply to buyers, but two offenses within the human trafficking chapter are applicable to buyers.

⁵ The core human trafficking law, W. Va. Code Ann. § 61-14-2 (Human trafficking of an individual; penalties), does not apply to buyers, but a separate offense within the human trafficking article is applicable to buyers.