

National State Law Survey: Force, Fraud, or Coercion

State ¹	Proof of force, fraud, or coercion <i>IS NOT Required</i> when victim of sex trafficking is a minor	Proof of force, fraud, or coercion <i>IS Required</i> when victim of sex trafficking is a minor	<i>DOES NOT</i> have a human trafficking law or a law criminalizing child sex trafficking
Alabama	X		
Alaska	X		
Arizona	X		
Arkansas	X		
California	X		
Colorado	X		
Connecticut	X		
Delaware	X		
DC	X		
Florida	X		
Georgia	X		
Hawaii	X		
Idaho	X		
Illinois	X		
Indiana	X		
Iowa	X		
Kansas	X		
Kentucky	X		
Louisiana	X		
Maine	X		
Maryland	X		
Massachusetts	X		
Michigan	X		
Minnesota	X		
Mississippi	X		
Missouri	X		
Montana	X		
Nebraska	X		
Nevada	X		
New Hampshire	X		
New Jersey	X		
New Mexico	X ²		

New York	X		
North Carolina	X		
North Dakota	X		
Ohio		X ³	
Oklahoma	X		
Oregon	X		
Pennsylvania	X		
Rhode Island	X		
South Carolina	X		
South Dakota	X		
Tennessee	X		
Texas	X		
Utah	X		
Vermont	X		
Virginia	X		
Washington	X		
West Virginia	X		
Wisconsin	X		
Wyoming	X		
Totals	49 states & DC do not require proof of force, fraud, or coercion when the victim is a minor.	1 state requires proof of force, fraud, or coercion when the victim is an older minor.	All 50 states & DC have a law criminalizing child sex trafficking.

¹ Evaluations of state law 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_1.1.pdf.

² Force, fraud, or coercion is required for a facilitator conviction under the New Mexico trafficking law.

³ Ohio's human trafficking law only eliminates the requirement to prove force, fraud, or coercion when the victim is under 16 years of age or the victim is 16 or 17 and the defendant is in a position of authority or trust as described in Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2907.3(A)(5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), or (13).