

Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

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The Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking Advanced Legislative Framework builds on the original Protected Innocence Challenge Framework, preserving the most fundamental components while including new policy priorities that reflect feedback and research from the field—particularly in the area of victim protections. The advanced framework will be used to grade the states next fall when we release the inaugural Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking. As such, the 2021 legislative session is a critical time for your state to strengthen its laws before report cards and corresponding grades are issued.

So what is **CALIFORNIA'S** current score and what changes are needed? As of August 1, 2019, **CALIFORNIA HAD RAISED ITS GRADE FROM F TO C:**

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2019	SCORE	GRADE	10	15.5	13.5	3.5	21.5	12
	76	C	10	25	15	10	27.5	15
								
2011	SCORE	GRADE	4.5	3	8	2	16	7.5
	41	F	10	25	15	10	27.5	15

California law prohibits the criminalization of minors for prostitution but provides minimal penalties for prosecuting demand. The human trafficking law

protects victims of child sex trafficking without requiring proof of force, fraud, or coercion. However, paying for sex acts with a minor and benefitting financially from assisting or enabling sex trafficking are not punishable under the trafficking law.

To support implementation of the Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking Advanced Legislative Framework, our Policy Team will remain available to provide rapid, technical



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assistance to support legislators, advocates, and state agencies; technical assistance requests can be submitted [here](#).



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