

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 **NEW JERSEY’S** current score and what changes are needed? As of August 1, 2019, **NEW JERSEY HAD RAISED ITS GRADE FROM D TO B:**

NEW JERSEY

2019	SCORE	GRADE	10	22	14.5	7.5	13.5	14.5
	82	B	10/10	22/25	14.5/15	7.5/10	13.5/27.5	14.5/15
								
2011	SCORE	GRADE	6	17.5	11	6.5	16	5
	62	D	6/10	17.5/25	11/15	6.5/10	16/27.5	5/15

New Jersey’s human trafficking law does not require proof of force, fraud, or coercion when the victim is a minor. Offenders convicted of sex trafficking face serious

penalties but are not required to register as sex offenders. While state law creates alternative juvenile justice response mechanisms to prevent child sex trafficking victims from being adjudicated delinquent for prostitution, such mechanisms do not insulate victims from experiencing a punitive response.

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



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