

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

NORTH CAROLINA

2019	SCORE	GRADE	10	23	14.5	7	25	14.5
	94	A	10	25	15	10	27.5	15
								
2011	SCORE	GRADE	5	20.5	10	3	15	7.5
	61	D	10	25	15	10	27.5	15

North Carolina criminalizes child sex trafficking without regard to force, fraud, or coercion or third party control, but benefitting financially is not included as

prohibited conduct under the trafficking law. Further, state law prohibits a minor from being prosecuted for prostitution and solicitation offenses, but access to specialized services is not statutorily mandated.

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](#).

