

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

MISSISSIPPI

2019	SCORE	GRADE	10	24.5	15	7.5	21.5	12.5
	91	A	10	25	15	10	27.5	15
								
2011	SCORE	GRADE	5	16	13.5	6	14	7.5
	62	D	10	25	15	10	27.5	15

Mississippi’s human trafficking law makes it a crime to traffic a minor under 18 for sexual purposes without regard to force, fraud, or coercion, but a

controlling third party must be identified. State law prohibits the criminalization of minors for the crime of prostitution and provides for a specialized service 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](#).

