

Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

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WEST VIRGINIA

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 **WEST VIRGINIA'S** current score and what changes are needed? As of August 1, 2019, **WEST VIRGINIA HAD RAISED ITS GRADE FROM F TO B:**

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2019	SCORE	GRADE	10	18.5	15	3.5	18.5	15
	80.5	B	10	25	15	10	27.5	15
2011	SCORE	GRADE	2.5	4.5	8.5	2	11.5	9.5
	38.5	F	10	25	15	10	27.5	15

West Virginia criminalizes child sex trafficking without regard to force, fraud, or coercion, but third party control is required. Although

juvenile sex trafficking victims must be referred to child welfare and delinquency adjudications may be avoided based on non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, services are not required to be specialized to the needs of commercially sexually exploited children.

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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