

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

## MASSACHUSETTS

2019	SCORE	GRADE	10	21	15	7.5	20.5	12
	86	B	10	25	15	10	27.5	15
								
2011	SCORE	GRADE	2.5	10.5	8	4	10	10
	45	F	10	25	15	10	27.5	15

Massachusetts's trafficking law includes sex trafficking of minors without regard to use of force, fraud, or coercion or third party control. State law provides victims of sexual

exploitation and child sex trafficking with a specialized service response. However, minors are not protected from criminalization for the crime of prostitution, meaning commercially sexually exploited youth may face a punitive response for acts committed as a result of their victimization.

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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