

Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

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

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Year	SCORE	GRADE	10	25	15	9.5	24	14.5
2019	98	A	10	25	15	10	27.5	15
2011	73	C	7.5	20	13	3.5	16.5	12.5

Tennessee's human trafficking offense includes any child who is bought for sex regardless of whether force, fraud, or coercion was used and regardless of

whether a buyer exploited the youth without a trafficker's involvement. Although state law prohibits minors from being prosecuted for prostitution, the lack of a specialized service response leaves survivors disconnected from resources that are necessary to address trauma and promote healing.

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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