

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

RHODE ISLAND

| Year | Score | Grade | 10 | 21 | 12.5 | 5 | 18 | 12 |
|-------------|-------------|----------|-------|-------|---------|------|-----------|--------|
| 2019 | 78.5 | C | 10/10 | 21/25 | 12.5/15 | 5/10 | 18/27.5 | 12/15 |
| 2011 | 65.5 | D | 5/10 | 22/25 | 11.5/15 | 7/10 | 10.5/27.5 | 9.5/15 |

Rhode Island law criminalizes child sex trafficking without requiring proof of force, fraud, or coercion, and two offenses within the trafficking article reach buyers of sex

with minors. Penalties are substantial, and convicted offenders are required to register as sex offenders. Rhode Island law prohibits the criminalization of minors for prostitution offenses but does not provide a statutory avenue to specialized services.

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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