

*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 **SOUTH DAKOTA**’s current score and what changes are needed? As of August 1, 2019, **SOUTH DAKOTA HAD RAISED ITS GRADE FROM F TO D:**

## SOUTH DAKOTA

2019	SCORE	GRADE	8.5	17.5	15	7.5	10.5	9.5
	68.5	D	10	25	15	10	27.5	15
								
2011	SCORE	GRADE	4.5	16	12.5	5.5	6.5	9.5
	54.5	F	10	25	15	10	27.5	15

South Dakota criminalizes human trafficking without regard to the use of force, fraud, or coercion when the victim is a minor. However, child sex trafficking victims

are not provided with a mandated avenue to specialized services. Instead, a child who engages in commercial sex will be identified as a “child in need of supervision.”

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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