

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

MARYLAND

2019	SCORE	GRADE	10	18.5	15	7.5	16	15
	82	B	10	25	15	10	27.5	15
								
2011	SCORE	GRADE	5	16	10.5	5.5	10.5	11
	58.5	F	10	25	15	10	27.5	15

Although Maryland's sex trafficking law makes it a crime to exploit a minor under 18 through commercial sex without requiring use of force, fraud, or coercion,

buyers are not included as offenders under that law. Further, state law does not prohibit the criminalization of minors for prostitution offenses, but Maryland has established a statewide system for providing specialized services to commercially sexually exploited youth.

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](#).

