

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

NORTH DAKOTA

| 2019 | SCORE | GRADE | 10 | 18.5 | 15 | 5 | 18 | 10 |
|------|-------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 76.5 | C | 10/10 | 18.5/25 | 15/15 | 5/10 | 18/27.5 | 10/15 |
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| 2011 | SCORE | GRADE | 5 | 10.5 | 11 | 6.5 | 10.5 | 10 |
| | 53.5 | F | 5/10 | 10.5/25 | 11/15 | 6.5/10 | 10.5/27.5 | 10/15 |

North Dakota's human trafficking law criminalizes child sex trafficking without requiring proof of force, fraud, or coercion and provides substantial

penalties. State law further prohibits the criminalization of minors for prostitution and other offenses related to trafficking victimization, but specialized services are not mandated. Additionally, victims may face barriers to accessing crime victims' compensation to fund their recovery.

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](#).

