

Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

State Action. National Change.

Fact Sheet

ADVANCED LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

The resulting Report Cards on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking Legislative Framework is comprised of 40 policy goals for each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

These laws are grouped into the following six issue areas:



For more information on the policy goals or the framework in general:

<https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Framework-8.5x11.pdf>



ISSUE 1:

Criminal Provisions



ISSUE 2:

Identification of & Response to Victims



ISSUE 3:

Continuum of Care



ISSUE 4:

Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors



ISSUE 5:

Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response



ISSUE 6:

Prevention & Training

GRADING

Grades are based solely on an analysis of state statutes. While we recognize the critical importance of non-legislative responses to propel progress, grading on statutory law provides a clear mechanism for evaluating policy goals across all states while ensuring that survivor-centered reforms are an enduring part of states' responses.

110 TOTAL POINTS AWARDED:

States earn up to 2.5 points per policy goal

100 possible points

Extra credit: Protections for labor and youth 18+

plus up to 10 points

FINAL LETTER GRADES ASSIGNED:

A | 90-110 **B** | 80-89 **C** | 70-79 **D** | 60-69 **F** | <60

REPORT CARDS PROCESS

BILL TRACKING YEAR ROUND

July 1 legislative cutoff for reports

ANALYSIS & GRADING

Review, analyze, and grade new legislation based on detailed rubric

DRAFT REPORT

Draft statutory analysis and recommendations for each state

VETTOR PROCESS

Send draft report to vettors (Governors, Attorneys General, Statewide Coordinators, Task Force Supervisors, and other field experts)

Seek Insights from the Field

FINALIZE & RELEASE

Incorporate vettor feedback, finalize statutory analysis and grades, update related resources, and publicly release reports

RESOURCES BY STATE

State Reports include the following:

ANALYSIS REPORT

- Provides a thorough review of that state's statutes related to victim protections and offender accountability.
- Includes recommendations for addressing legal gaps.

Though not graded on, promising practices, policies, and initiatives may also be highlighted within a state's Analysis Report to provide a complementary narrative to the statutory analysis.

REPORT CARD

- Provides an overall score, individual scores for each of the six issue areas, and summaries describing areas of strength and weakness.
- Includes state-specific highlights that address new legislation, legal trends, statutes, and statistics.

SAFE HARBOR SCORECARD

- Provides a summary of that state's Safe Harbor laws (or lack thereof).
- Includes status indicators to show whether that state has fully met, partially met, or not met a Safe Harbor policy goal.

RELATED RESOURCES

ISSUE BRIEFS

- Provide insight into the significance of each policy goal, considerations for drafting legislation, and links to related resources.

NATIONAL STATE LAW SURVEYS

- Identify state-by-state progress in enacting laws that address specific issues analyzed under the advanced legislative framework, providing a snapshot of the nation overall in a chart.

TOOLKIT

- Provides an overview of the Report Cards project and a comparison of each state's grades.



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