Safe Harbor Laws

- **Noncriminalization law (removes criminal liability)**: 27 states
- **Diverts to quasi-punitive system (CHINS) instead of juvenile justice**: 4 states
- **Alternative response through juvenile justice (dersion, discretionary referral/dismissal)**: 11 states
- **Affirmative defense only**: 3 states
- **No statutory protection from criminalization**: 4 states
- **Statutory referral to services**: various states
- **Protection from criminalization extends beyond prostitution offenses**: various states

In Michigan, noncriminalization extends only to children age 15 or younger and children age 16+ receive an alternative response through juvenile justice.

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