

**POLICY GOAL 5.1** State law provides a child sex trafficking-specific hearsay exception that applies to non-testimonial evidence to reduce reliance on victim testimony.

State <sup>1</sup>	Does state law provide a child sex trafficking-specific hearsay exception?	If not, does state law provide a non-child sex trafficking specific hearsay exception that could apply to victims of commercial sexual exploitation?
Alabama	No	No
Alaska	No	No
Arizona	No	No
Arkansas	No	No
California	No	No
Colorado	Yes	N/A
Connecticut	No	No
Delaware	Yes (under 11 only)	N/A
District of Columbia	No	No
Florida	Yes (under 17 only)	N/A
Georgia	No	Yes (under 16 only)
Hawaii	No	No
Idaho	No	No
Illinois	No	No
Indiana	No	No
Iowa	No	No
Kansas	No	No
Kentucky	No	No
Louisiana	No	No
Maine	No	Yes (under 16 only)
Maryland	No	No
Massachusetts	No	No
Michigan	No	Yes (under 10 only)

<sup>1</sup> Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of August 1, 2021. For more information on the importance of this policy goal, please visit [https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/IssueBrief\\_5.1.pdf](https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/IssueBrief_5.1.pdf).

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Minnesota	No	Yes (under 10 only)
Mississippi	No	Yes (under 12 only)
Missouri	Yes (under 14 only)	N/A
Montana	Yes (under 15 only)	N/A
Nebraska	No	No
Nevada	No	Yes (under 10 only)
New Hampshire	No	No
New Jersey	No	No
New Mexico	No	No
New York	No	No
North Carolina	No	No
North Dakota	No	No
Ohio	No	No
Oklahoma	No	No
Oregon	No	No
Pennsylvania	Yes (under 13 only)	N/A
Rhode Island	No	No
South Carolina	Yes (under 12 only)	N/A
South Dakota	No	No
Tennessee	No	No
Texas	Yes (under 14 only)	N/A
Utah	No	Yes (under 14 only)
Vermont	No	No
Virginia	No	No
Washington	Yes (under 16 only)	N/A
West Virginia	No	No
Wisconsin	No	No
Wyoming	No	No
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>9 states</b> provide a child-sex trafficking-specific hearsay exception, but <b>8 states</b> limit protection to younger minors.	<b>7 states</b> provide a non-child sex trafficking-specific hearsay exception that could apply to victims of commercial sexual exploitation.