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NORTH CAROLINA

2022 Report Card on Child & Youth Sex Trafficking

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 1. Criminal Provisions	D	11 17.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to buyer and trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, and decoy defenses. Gaps remain in areas related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law, business entity liability under the trafficking law, and financial penalties.
 2. Identification of and Response to Victims	F	13.5 27.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control, foreign national victims, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain in areas related to screening through child welfare and through the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-familial trafficking cases.
 3. Continuum of Care	F	4.5 15	Policy goal accomplished related to appropriations. Gaps remain in areas related to community-based services, MDT responses, services through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, and extended foster care services.
 4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors	D	9 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to restitution and civil remedies. Gaps remain in areas related to civil orders of protection, crime victims' compensation, vacatur, and statutes of limitation.
 5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response	F	4 10	Gaps remain in all areas, including hearsay exceptions, alternatives to live, in-court testimony, victim supports, and privileged communications.
 6. Prevention and Training	F	8 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to training for school personnel and prevention education in schools. Gaps remain in areas related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, law enforcement, and prosecutors.
EXTRA CREDIT	 Youth	2	Protections related to appropriations and civil remedies are extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking	4	Protections related to child abuse definitions, appropriations, restitution, and civil remedies are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

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