

**B****TENNESSEE**

## 2022 Report Card on Child &amp; Youth Sex Trafficking

**TIER I**

Issue	Grade	Score	Highlights
 <b>1. Criminal Provisions</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>17</b> 17.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to buyer accountability under the trafficking law, buyer and trafficker accountability under state CSEC laws, mistake of age defenses, decoy defenses, and financial penalties. Gap remains related to business-entity liability under the trafficking law.
 <b>2. Identification of and Response to Victims</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>20.5</b> 27.5	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to third party control, foreign national victims, screening through child welfare and the juvenile justice system, non-criminalization for prostitution offenses, and child abuse definitions. Gaps remain in areas related to expanded non-criminalization, juvenile court jurisdiction, and non-familial trafficking cases.
 <b>3. Continuum of Care</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>7.5</b> 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to MDT responses, extended foster care services, and appropriations. Gaps remain in areas related to community-based services and services through child welfare and the juvenile justice system.
 <b>4. Access to Justice for Trafficking Survivors</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>11.5</b> 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to civil orders of protection, restitution, and civil remedies. Gaps remain in areas related to crime victims' compensation, vacatur, and statutes of limitation.
 <b>5. Tools for a Victim-Centered Criminal Justice Response</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>4.5</b> 10	Policy goal accomplished related to alternatives to live, in-court testimony. Gaps remain in areas related to hearsay exceptions, victim supports, and privileged communications.
 <b>6. Prevention and Training</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>14.5</b> 15	Policy goals accomplished in areas related to training for child welfare, juvenile justice agencies, prosecutors, and school personnel as well as prevention education in schools. Gap remains related to training for law enforcement.
<b>EXTRA CREDIT</b>	 Youth	<b>2</b>	Protections related to appropriations and civil remedies are extended to sex trafficked youth.
	 Child Labor Trafficking	<b>4</b>	Protections related to appropriations, civil orders of protection, restitution, and civil remedies are extended to child labor trafficking victims.

**OVERALL GRADE**  
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