

POLICY GOAL 1.2 Commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) laws specifically criminalize purchasing or soliciting commercial sex with any minor under 18.

State ¹	Is there a buyer-applicable CSEC law?	Does a buyer-applicable CSEC law protect all minors under 18 years of age? ²	Is the protection limited by requiring additional elements or failing to explicitly criminalize purchasing or soliciting a minor for sex? ³	Relevant statute(s)
Alabama	Yes	Yes	No	Ala. Code § 13A-12-121.1 (Engaging in an act of prostitution with a minor)
Alaska	Yes	Yes	Yes; defendant must be over 18 years of age and at least 3 years older than the minor)	Alaska Stat. §11.66.100 (Prostitution)
Arizona	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arkansas	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
California	Yes	Yes	No	Cal. Penal Code § 647(b)(3) (Disorderly conduct; restrictions on probation)
Colorado	Yes	Yes	No	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-7-406(1) (Patronizing a prostituted child)
Connecticut	Yes	Yes	No	Conn. Gen. Stat. 53a-83b(a) (Commercial sexual abuse of a minor)
Delaware	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia	Yes	Yes	Yes; encompasses conduct that <i>could</i> reach buyers but does not explicitly criminalize purchasing or soliciting.	D.C. Code § 22-2705 (Pandering; inducing or compelling an individual to engage in prostitution)
Florida	Yes	No (under 16 only)	Yes; encompasses conduct that <i>could</i> reach buyers but	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 800.04(4)(a)(2) (Lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in

¹ Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of August 1, 2022. For more information on the importance of this policy goal, please visit <https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-Issue-Briefs-1.2.pdf>.

² A “yes” response indicates that at least one buyer-applicable CSEC law protects all minors under 18 years of age.

³ A “no” response indicates that at least one buyer-applicable CSEC law does not require additional elements of the crime (e.g., use of a computer, transportation of the child, etc.).

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			does not explicitly criminal purchasing or soliciting..	the presence of persons less than 16 years of age).
Georgia	Yes	Yes	No	Ga. Code Ann. § 16-6-15 (Solicitation of sodomy)
Hawaii	Yes	Yes	No	Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 712-1209.1(1) (Solicitation of a minor for prostitution)
Idaho	Yes	Yes	No	Idaho Code Ann. § 18-5610(1) (Utilizing a person under eighteen years of age for prostitution – Penalties)
Illinois	Yes	Yes	No	720 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/11-18.1(a-5) (Patronizing a minor engaged in prostitution); 720 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/11-14.1(a) (Solicitation of a sexual act); 720 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/11-25(a) (Grooming); 720 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/11-26(a) (Traveling to meet a child)
Indiana	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Iowa	Yes	Yes	No	Iowa Code § 725.1(2)(b) (Prostitution); Iowa Code 710A.2A (Solicitation of a commercial sexual activity)
Kansas	Yes	Yes	No	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 21-6422(a) (Commercial sexual exploitation of a child)
Kentucky	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Louisiana	Yes	Yes	No	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 14:82.2(A) (Purchase of commercial sexual activity; penalties); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 14:82.1(A) (Prostitution; persons under eighteen; additional offenses); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 14:82(A)(2) (Prostitution; definition; penalties; enhancement); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 14:89.2(A) (Crime against nature by solicitation); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 14:81.3(A) (Computer-aided solicitation of a minor)
Maine	Yes	Yes	No	Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 17-A, § 855(1)(A) (Patronizing prostitution of minor or person with mental disability); Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 17-A, § 259-B(1) (Solicitation of a child to engage in prostitution)
Maryland	Yes	Yes	No	Md. Code Ann., Crim. Law § 3-324(b)(1) (Sexual solicitation of a minor)
Massachusetts	Yes	Yes	No	Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 272, § 53A(c) (Engaging in sexual conduct for fee;

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				payors and payees; penalties); Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 265, § 26D(c) (Enticement of child under age 18 to engage in prostitution, human trafficking or commercial sexual activity)
Michigan	Yes	Yes	No	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 750.449a(2) (Engaging services for purpose of prostitution, lewdness, or assignation; engaging services with person less than 18 years of age for purpose of prostitution, lewdness, or assignation; penalty)
Minnesota	Yes	Yes	No	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 609.324(1) (Patrons; prostitutes; housing individuals engaged in prostitution; penalties)
Mississippi	Yes	Yes	No	Miss. Code Ann. § 97-29-51(1)(a) (Prostitution; misdemeanor procuring services of prostitute; felony promoting prostitution; penalties)
Missouri	Yes	Yes	No	Mo. Rev. Stat. § 567.030(1) (Patronizing prostitution – Penalty)
Montana	Yes	Yes	Yes; contact must be “direct and not through clothing”	Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-601(2)(b) (Prostitution – Patronizing a prostitute – Exception)
Nebraska	Yes	Yes	No	Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 28-801.01(1) (Solicitation of prostitution)
Nevada	Yes	Yes	Yes; exception for conduct committed in a “licensed house of prostitution”	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 201.354(1) (Engaging in prostitution or solicitation for prostitution: Penalty; exception)
New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	No	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 645:2(I)(f) (Prostitution and related offenses)
New Jersey	Yes	Yes	No	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:34-1(b)(7) (Prostitution and related offenses)
New Mexico	Yes	No (under 16 only)	No	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 30-6A-4(B) (Sexual exploitation of children by prostitution)
New York	Yes	No; “patronizing” offenses vary in degree based on the age of the child and do not protect all	No	N.Y. Penal Law § 230.06 (Patronizing a person for prostitution in the first degree); N.Y. Penal Law § 230.05 (Patronizing a person for prostitution in the second degree); N.Y. Penal Law § 230.13 (Aggravated patronizing a minor for prostitution in the first degree); N.Y. Penal Law § 230.12 (Aggravated patronizing a minor for prostitution in the second degree); N.Y. Penal Law § 230.11 (Aggravated patronizing a minor for

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		minors under 18 years of age ⁴		prostitution in the third degree); N.Y. Penal Law § 230.08(1) (Patronizing a person for prostitution in a school zone)
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	No	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-205.2(a) (Patronizing a prostitute); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-205.1(a) (Solicitation of prostitute)
North Dakota	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ohio	Yes	Yes	No	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2907.21(A)(2)–(4) (Compelling prostitution)
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes	No	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 1029(A), (B) (Engaging in prostitution, etc. – Soliciting or procuring – Residing or being in place for prohibited purpose – Aiding, abetting or participating – Child prostitution – Presumption of coercion)
Oregon	Yes	Yes	No	Or. Rev. Stat. § 163.413(1) (Purchasing sex with a minor)
Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	No	18 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6318(a)(3) (Unlawful contact with minor); 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 5902(e) (Prostitution and related offenses)
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	No	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 11-37-8.8(a) (Indecent solicitation of a minor)
South Carolina	Yes	Yes	No	S.C. Code Ann. § 16-15-425(A) (Participating in prostitution of a minor defined; defenses; penalties); S.C. Code Ann. § 26-15-342(A) (Criminal solicitation of a minor; defense; penalties).
South Dakota	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	No	Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-514(a) (Patronizing Prostitution); Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-528(a)(10), (11) (Offense of solicitation of a minor)
Texas	Yes	Yes	No	Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 43.02(b), 15.031(b), (f) (Criminal solicitation of a minor); Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 21.02(b) (Continuous sexual abuse of young child or children)

⁴ Notably, N.Y. Penal Law § 230.08(1) (Patronizing a person for prostitution in a school zone) does protect all minors under 18 years of age, but the offense is narrowly applicable to offenses committed in a school zone, thereby requiring an additional element of the crime.

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Utah	Yes	Yes	No	Utah Code Ann. § 76-10-1303(1) (Patronizing a prostitute); Utah Code Ann. § 76-10-1313(1) (Sexual solicitation–Penalty)
Vermont	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Virginia	Yes	Yes	No	Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-346(B) (Prostitution; commercial sexual conduct; commercial exploitation of a minor; penalties)
Washington	Yes	Yes	No	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9.68A.100(1) (Commercial sexual abuse of a minor); Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9.68A.090(2) (Communication with minor for immoral purposes)
West Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes; criminality depends on the mode of communication	W. Va. Code Ann. § 61-3C-14b (Soliciting, etc. a minor via computer; soliciting a minor and traveling to engage the minor in prohibited sexual activity; penalties)
Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	No	Wis. Stat. § 948.08 (Soliciting a child for prostitution); Wis. Stat. § 948.081 (Patronizing a child)
Wyoming	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
Totals:	41 states & D.C. have a buyer-applicable CSEC law.	39 states have a buyer-applicable CSEC law that protects all minors under 18 years of age.	6 states limit protection by requiring additional elements of the crime or failing to include explicit buyer language.	