

POLICY GOAL 1.1 The child sex trafficking law is expressly applicable to buyers of commercial sex with any minor under 18.

State ¹	Is there a buyer-applicable trafficking law?	Does the buyer-applicable trafficking law <i>expressly</i> apply to buyers of sex with minors? ²	Relevant statute(s)
Alabama	Yes	Yes	Ala. Code § 13A-6-152 (Human trafficking in the first degree)
Alaska	No	N/A	N/A
Arizona	Yes	Yes	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-3212(B) (Child sex trafficking; classification; increased punishment; definition)
Arkansas	Yes	Yes	Ark. Code Ann. § 5-18-103(a)(4), (d) (Trafficking of persons); Ark. Code Ann. § 5-18-104(a) (Patronizing a victim of human trafficking)
California	No	N/A	N/A
Colorado	Yes	No	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-3-504(2)(a)(I), (3) (Human trafficking for sexual servitude – Human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude)
Connecticut	No	N/A	N/A
Delaware	Yes	Yes	Del. Code Ann. tit. 11, § 787(b)(4) (Trafficking an individual, forced labor and sexual servitude)
District of Columbia	Yes	No	D.C. Code § 22-1834(a) (Sex trafficking of children)
Florida	Yes	Yes	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 787.06(2)(d), (3) (Human trafficking)
Georgia	Yes	Yes	Ga. Code Ann. § 16-5-46(c) (Trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude)
Hawaii	No	N/A	N/A
Idaho	Yes	No	Idaho Code Ann. § 18-8602(1)(a)(i), (c) (Human trafficking defined)
Illinois	Yes	No	720 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/10-9(c) (Trafficking in persons, involuntary servitude, and related offense)

¹ Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of July 1, 2023. For more information on the importance of this policy goal, please visit <https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/related-resources/#1.1>.

² Trafficking laws that prohibit “purchasing,” “patronizing,” “hiring,” etc. a minor for commercial sex *expressly* apply to buyers. Ambiguous language (e.g., “obtaining,” “causing,” or “procuring”) may also apply to buyers of commercial sex with minors, but such terms risk prosecutorial or judicial misinterpretation, which may result in fewer buyers being charged with, or convicted of, trafficking offenses.

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Indiana	Yes	Yes	Ind. Code Ann. § 35-42-3.5-1.4 (Human trafficking)
Iowa	Yes	Yes	Iowa Code § 710A.2(1), (4) (Human trafficking); Iowa Code § 710A.1(4)(b) (Definitions)
Kansas	Yes	Yes	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 21-5426(b)(5) (Human trafficking; aggravated human trafficking)
Kentucky	Yes	No	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 529.100(1)(b) (Human trafficking)
Louisiana	Yes	Yes	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 14:46.3(A)(1) (Trafficking of children for sexual purposes); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 14:46.2(A)(1) (Human trafficking)
Maine	No	N/A	N/A
Maryland	No	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts	Yes	No	Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 265, § 50(a) (Human trafficking – Sexual servitude)
Michigan	Yes	No	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 750.462e (Forced labor or services; prohibited conduct as relates to age of minor)
Minnesota	No	N/A	N/A
Mississippi	Yes	No	Miss. Code Ann. § 97-3-54.1(1)(c) (Human trafficking act; prohibited conduct; penalty)
Missouri	Yes	No	Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.211(1) (Sexual trafficking of a child – Penalty); Mo. Rev. Stat. § 566.210(1) (Sexual trafficking of a child under age twelve – Affirmative defense not allowed, when – Penalty)
Montana	Yes	Yes	Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-705(1) (Patronizing victim of sex trafficking); Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-711(1) (Child sex trafficking)
Nebraska	Yes	Yes	Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 28-831(1) (Human trafficking; forced labor or services; prohibited acts; penalties); Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 28-830(12) (Human trafficking; forced labor or services; terms, defined)
Nevada	Yes	No	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 201.300(2)(a)(1) (Pandering and sex trafficking: definition; penalties; exception)
New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 633:7(III-a)(a), (b) (Trafficking in persons)
New Jersey	Yes	No	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:13-8(a)(3) (Human trafficking); N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:13-9 (Human trafficking in the second degree)
New Mexico	Yes	Yes	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 30-52-1(A) (Human trafficking)
New York	No	N/A	N/A
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-43.13(a) (Sexual servitude); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-43.10(a)(5) (Definitions); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-43.11 (Human trafficking)
North Dakota	Yes	Yes	N.D. Cent. Code § 12.1-41-06(1) (Patronizing a minor for commercial sexual activity); N.D. Cent.

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			Code § 12.1-41-05(1) (Patronizing a victim of sexual servitude)
Ohio	No	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 748(A)(6)(b), (B) (Human trafficking)
Oregon	Yes	No	Or. Rev. Stat. § 163.266(1)(c) (Trafficking in persons)
Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	18 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3013(a) (Patronizing a victim of sexual servitude); 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3011(a)(1) (Trafficking in individuals)
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 11-67.1-7(a) (Patronizing a minor for commercial sexual activity); R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 11-67.1-6 (Patronizing a victim of sexual servitude)
South Carolina	Yes	Yes	S.C. Code Ann. § 16-3-2020(A) (Trafficking in persons; penalties; defenses)
South Dakota	Yes	Yes	S.D. Codified Laws § 22-49-1 (Human trafficking prohibited); S.D. Codified Laws § 22-49-2 (First degree human trafficking – Felony)
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-309(a) (Trafficking for commercial sex act)
Texas	Yes	Yes	Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 20A.02(a)(7), (8) (Trafficking of persons); Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 20A.03(a) (Continuous trafficking of persons)
Utah	Yes	Yes	Utah Code Ann. § 76-5-308.5(2), (3) (Human trafficking of a child – Penalties)
Vermont	Yes	No	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 2652(a)(1) (Human trafficking); Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 13, § 2653(a) (Aggravated human trafficking)
Virginia	No	N/A	N/A
Washington	Yes	Yes	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 9A.40.100(1), (3)(a) (Trafficking)
West Virginia	Yes	Yes	W. Va. Code Ann. § 61-14-6(b) (Patronizing a victim of sexual servitude; penalties)
Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	Wis. Stat. § 948.051(1) (Trafficking of a child)
Wyoming	Yes	Yes	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-2-707(a) (Patronizing a victim of sexual servitude)
Totals:	41 states³ have a buyer-applicable trafficking law.	28 states have a buyer-applicable trafficking law that <i>expressly</i> applies to buyers of sex with minors.	

³ Though not technically a state, District of Columbia has been included in the overall count for statistical purposes.