

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

| State <sup>1</sup>   | Does the state have at least one buyer-applicable CSEC law? | Does at least one buyer-applicable CSEC law protect older minors? | Relevant statute(s)   |
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| Alabama              | Yes   | Yes   | Ala. Code § 13A-12-121.1 (Engaging in an act of prostitution with a minor)  |
| Alaska               | Yes   | Yes   | Alaska Stat. §11.66.100 (Prostitution)  |
| Arizona              | No  | N/A   | N/A   |
| Arkansas             | Yes   | Yes   | Ark. Code Ann. § 5-70-107 (Sexual solicitation of a minor); Ark. Code. Ann. § 5-18-107 (Traveling for the purpose of an unlawful sex act with a minor)  |
| California           | Yes   | Yes   | Cal. Penal Code § 647(b)(3) (Disorderly conduct; restrictions on probation)   |
| Colorado             | Yes   | Yes   | Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-7-406(1) (Patronizing a prostituted child); Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-7-402(1); Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-7-405.5(1)   |
| Connecticut          | Yes   | Yes   | Conn. Gen. Stat. 53a-83b(a) (Commercial sexual abuse of a minor); Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-90a(a) (Enticing a minor)  |
| Delaware             | No  | N/A   | N/A   |
| District of Columbia | Yes   | Yes   | D.C. Code § 22-2705 (Pandering; inducing or compelling an individual to engage in prostitution)   |
| Florida              | Yes   | Yes   | Fla. Stat. Ann. § 800.04(4)(a)(2) (Lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of persons less than 16 years of age); Fla. Stat. Ann. § 794.053 (Lewd or lascivious written solicitation of certain minors) |
| Georgia              | Yes   | Yes   | Ga. Code Ann. § 16-6-15 (Solicitation of sodomy)  |
| Hawaii               | Yes   | Yes   | Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 712-1209.1(1) (Solicitation of a minor for prostitution)   |
| Idaho                | Yes   | Yes   | Idaho Code Ann. § 18-5610(1) (Utilizing a person under eighteen years of age for prostitution – Penalties)  |
| Illinois             | Yes   | Yes   | 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(b) (Solicitation of a sexual act); 720 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/11-25(a)                           |

<sup>1</sup> 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/#1.2>.

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|                    |   |   | (Grooming); 720 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/11-26(a) (Traveling to meet a child)   |
| Indiana            | No  | N/A   | N/A  |
| Iowa               | Yes   | Yes   | Iowa Code § 725.1(2)(b) (Prostitution); Iowa Code 710A.2A (Solicitation of a commercial sexual activity)   |
| Kansas             | Yes   | Yes   | Kan. Stat. Ann. § 21-6422(a) (Commercial sexual exploitation of a child)   |
| Kentucky           | No  | N/A   | N/A  |
| Louisiana          | Yes   | Yes   | 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   | Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 17-A, § 855(1)(A) (Commercial sexual exploitation of minor or person with mental disability); Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 17-A, § 259-B(1) (Solicitation of child for commercial sexual exploitation)  |
| Maryland           | Yes   | Yes   | Md. Code Ann., Crim. Law § 3-324(b)(1) (Sexual solicitation of a minor)  |
| Massachusetts      | Yes   | Yes   | Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 272, § 53A(c) (Engaging in sexual conduct for fee; 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   | 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   | Minn. Stat. Ann. § 609.324(1) (Patrons; prostitutes; housing individuals engaged in prostitution; penalties)   |
| Mississippi        | Yes   | Yes   | Miss. Code Ann. § 97-29-51(1)(a) (Prostitution; misdemeanor procuring services of prostitute; felony promoting prostitution; penalties)  |
| Missouri           | Yes   | Yes   | Mo. Rev. Stat. § 567.030 (Patronizing prostitution – Penalty)  |
| Montana            | Yes   | Yes   | Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-601(2)(b) (Prostitution – Patronizing a prostitute – Exception)   |
| Nebraska           | Yes   | Yes   | Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 28-801.01(1) (Solicitation of prostitution)   |
| Nevada             | Yes   | Yes   | Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 201.354(1) (Engaging in prostitution or solicitation for prostitution: Penalty; exception)  |

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| New Hampshire      | Yes   | Yes   | N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 645:2(I)(f) (Prostitution and related offenses)   |
| New Jersey         | Yes   | Yes   | N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:34-1(b)(7) (Prostitution and related offenses)  |
| New Mexico         | Yes   | No<br>(under 16 only)   | N.M. Stat. Ann. § 30-6A-4(B) (Sexual exploitation of children by prostitution)   |
| New York           | Yes   | Yes   | 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 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   | 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  |
| Ohio               | Yes   | Yes   | Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2907.21(A)(2)–(4) (Compelling prostitution)  |
| Oklahoma           | Yes   | Yes   | 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); Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 1040.13a(A), (B) (Facilitating, encouraging, offering, or soliciting sexual conduct or engaging in sexual communication with a minor or person believed to be a minor)   |
| Oregon             | Yes   | Yes   | Or. Rev. Stat. § 163.413(1) (Purchasing sex with a minor)  |
| Pennsylvania       | Yes   | Yes   | 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   | R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 11-37-8.8(a) (Indecent solicitation of a minor)  |
| South Carolina     | Yes   | Yes   | 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  |
| Tennessee          | Yes   | Yes   | Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-514(a) (Patronizing Prostitution); Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-528(a)(10), (11) (Offense of solicitation of a minor); Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-518(a)–(c)(3) (Continuous sexual abuse)  |

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| Texas              | Yes   | Yes  | Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 43.021(a) (Solicitation of prostitution); Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 15.031(b), (f) (Criminal solicitation of a minor); Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 21.02(b) (Continuous sexual abuse of young child or disabled individual)  |
| Utah               | Yes   | Yes  | 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   |
| Virginia           | Yes   | Yes  | Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-346.01 (Prostitution; solicitation; commercial exploitation of a minor; penalties)   |
| Washington         | Yes   | Yes  | 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  | 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); W. Va. Code Ann. § 61-8-32 (Soliciting, etc. a minor by means other than via computer; soliciting a minor and traveling to engage the minor in prohibited sexual activity; definition of minor; penalties) |
| Wisconsin          | Yes   | Yes  | Wis. Stat. § 948.08 (Soliciting a child for prostitution); Wis. Stat. § 948.081 (Patronizing a child)   |
| Wyoming            | No  | N/A  | N/A   |
| <b>Totals:</b>     | <b>43 states<sup>2</sup></b> have at least one buyer-applicable CSEC law. | <b>42 states<sup>3</sup></b> have at least one buyer-applicable CSEC law that protects older minors. |   |

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