

POLICY GOAL 1.6 Business entities can be held criminally liable for conduct that violates the trafficking law.

| State ¹ | Does the trafficking law expressly address violations committed by business entities by criminalizing specific business entity-related conduct and/or by carving out a business-specific penalty scheme? ² | If not, does the applicable definition of “person” include business entities, thereby ensuring business entities can be held liable for a trafficking violation? |
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| Alabama | Yes | N/A |
| Alaska | No | Yes |
| Arizona | Yes* | N/A |
| Arkansas | Yes | N/A |
| California | No | Yes |
| Colorado | No | Yes |
| Connecticut | No | Yes |
| Delaware | Yes | N/A |
| District of Columbia | Yes | N/A |
| Florida | No | Yes |
| Georgia | Yes | N/A |
| Hawaii | No | Yes |
| Idaho | No | Yes |
| Illinois | Yes | N/A |
| Indiana | No | Yes |
| Iowa | No | Yes |
| Kansas | No | Yes |
| Kentucky | No | Yes |
| Louisiana | No | Yes |
| Maine | No | Yes |
| Maryland | No | Yes |
| Massachusetts | Yes | N/A |
| Michigan | No | Yes |
| Minnesota | Yes | N/A |
| Mississippi | Yes | N/A |

¹ Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of July 1, 2023. Responses do not include an analysis of case law, agency rules, regulations, or practices/initiatives that exist outside of statutory law. For more information on the importance of this policy goal, please visit <https://reportcards.sharedhope.org/related-resources/#1.6>.

² An asterisk (*) denotes that, while the trafficking law does not specifically address violations committed by business entities, state law broadly establishes business entity liability for any offense.

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| Missouri | Yes* | N/A |
| Montana | No | Yes |
| Nebraska | No | Yes |
| Nevada | No | Yes |
| New Hampshire | No | Yes |
| New Jersey | No | Yes |
| New Mexico | No | Yes |
| New York | No | Yes |
| North Carolina | No | Yes |
| North Dakota | Yes | N/A |
| Ohio | No | Yes |
| Oklahoma | No | Yes |
| Oregon | No | Yes |
| Pennsylvania | Yes | N/A |
| Rhode Island | Yes | N/A |
| South Carolina | Yes | N/A |
| South Dakota | No | Yes |
| Tennessee | Yes | N/A |
| Texas | No | Yes |
| Utah | No | Yes |
| Vermont | Yes | N/A |
| Virginia | No | Yes |
| Washington | Yes* | N/A |
| West Virginia | Yes | N/A |
| Wisconsin | No | Yes |
| Wyoming | No | Yes |
| Totals: | 19 states³ have trafficking laws that expressly address violations committed by business entities. | 32 other states define “person” to include business entities. |

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