

POLICY GOAL 4.2 Ineligibility factors for crime victims' compensation do not prevent victims of child sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) from accessing compensation.

State ¹	For purposes of accessing CVC, does state law define “victim” broadly enough to include victims of child sex trafficking and/or CSEC?	Does state law expressly provide victims of trafficking and/or CSEC with exceptions to one or more ineligibility factors?	Exceptions (if any)
Alabama	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Alaska	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Arizona	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Arkansas	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides a victim of human trafficking or a minor victim of a sex offense with an exception to cooperation requirements
California	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims with an exception to reporting and cooperation requirements
Colorado	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Connecticut	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims and other minors with an exception to filing deadlines
Delaware	Yes (both)	No	N/A
District of Columbia	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims with an exception to ineligibility based on participation in the offense
Florida	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides victims of sexual exploitation with an exception to ineligibility based on committing or aiding in the commission of the crime upon which the claim for compensation is based, engaging in unlawful activity at the time of the crime upon which the claim for compensation is based, and/or being in custody or confined at the time of the crime upon which the claim for compensation is based

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/#4.2>.

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Georgia	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims with an exception reporting requirements and ineligibility based on being criminally responsible for the crime upon which compensation is based or for being an accomplice of such person
Hawaii	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Idaho	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Illinois	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims with an exception to reporting and cooperation requirements
Indiana	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Iowa	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides children engaged in commercial sexual activity with an exception to ineligibility based on assisting, attempting, or committing a criminal act
Kansas	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides victims of child sex trafficking and CSEC with an exception to ineligibility based on contributory misconduct, engaging or attempting to engage in unlawful activity at the time of the crime upon which the claim for compensation is based, reporting/cooperation requirements, and filing deadlines
Kentucky	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims with an exception to cooperation requirements
Louisiana	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides victims of a sexually-oriented criminal offense with an exception to reporting/cooperation requirements, filing deadlines, and ineligibility based on contributory misconduct and being an offender/accessory (or if the award would unjustly benefit such person)
Maine	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Maryland	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Massachusetts	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides all minors with an exception to reporting requirements
Michigan	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Minnesota	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Mississippi	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Missouri	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims with an exception to reporting requirements

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Montana	Yes (both)	Yes	Provides victims of child sex trafficking and CSEC with an exception to all ineligibility factors
Nebraska	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims with a limited exception to reporting deadlines
Nevada	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims with an exception to ineligibility based on contributory conduct and provocation and an extension to filing deadlines
New Hampshire	Yes (both)	Yes	Provides victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking and CSEC with an exception to all ineligibility factors
New Jersey	Yes (expressly includes child sex trafficking victims; CSEC not among the enumerated offenses but could be included if the crime involved violence)	No	N/A
New Mexico	Yes (expressly includes child sex trafficking victims; CSEC not among the enumerated offenses)	No	N/A
New York	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims with an exception to reporting requirements
North Carolina	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides victims of trafficking with an exception to ineligibility based on coerced participation in a nontraffic misdemeanor and contributory misconduct
North Dakota	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Ohio	Yes (both)	Yes	Provides victims of trafficking with an exception to all ineligibility factors (victims of CSEC are not likewise exempt)
Oklahoma	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Oregon	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides victims of sexual exploitation with an exception reporting and cooperation requirements
Pennsylvania	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Rhode Island	Yes (both)	No	N/A
South Carolina	Yes (both)	No	N/A
South Dakota	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims with an exception to ineligibility based on contributory conduct

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Tennessee	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides victims of human trafficking with an exception to ineligibility based on reporting and cooperation requirements and allows for claims based solely on pain and suffering
Texas	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims with an exception to ineligibility based on participation in the criminally injurious conduct or engagement in an unlawful activity
Utah	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides victims of sexual assault with a limited exception to reporting and cooperation requirements ²
Vermont	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Virginia	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Washington	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides victims of childhood criminal acts with an exception to filing and reporting deadlines; also allows a minor to receive benefits from a CSEC violation even if the minor is charged with prostitution
West Virginia	Yes (both)	Yes (limited)	Provides child sex trafficking victims and other minors with an exception to reporting requirements
Wisconsin	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Wyoming	Yes (both)	No	N/A
Totals:	51 states³ define “victim” broadly enough to include victims of child sex trafficking. 49 states⁴ define “victim” broadly enough to include victims of CSEC.	27 states⁵ expressly provide victims of sex trafficking and/or CSEC with exceptions to one or more ineligibility factors.	3 states provide victims of child sex trafficking and/or CSEC with an exception to all ineligibility factors.

² However, the narrow definition of “sexual assault” excludes child sex trafficking and all but one CSEC offense. Utah Code Ann. § 63M-7-502(40) (Definitions).

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

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