

POLICY GOAL 4.3 Sex trafficked children and youth may vacate delinquency adjudications and criminal convictions for any offense arising from trafficking victimization.

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Alabama	No	N/A	No	N/A
Alaska	No	N/A	No	N/A
Arizona	No	N/A	No ³	N/A
Arkansas	No	N/A	No	N/A
California	Yes	No; nonviolent offenses only	Yes	No; nonviolent offenses only
Colorado	No	N/A	No	N/A
Connecticut	No	N/A	Yes	No; mandatory for prostitution offenses (discretionary for class C/D/E felonies, unclassified felonies punishable by not more than 10 years, or any misdemeanor)
Delaware	Yes	No; excludes violent felonies	Yes	No; excludes violent felonies
District of Columbia	No	N/A	Yes	No; excludes enumerated offenses, including trafficking, murder, specified sexual abuse-related offenses, etc.
Florida	Yes	No; nonviolent offenses only	Yes	No; nonviolent offenses only
Georgia	Yes	No; “sexual crimes” only	Yes	Yes
Hawaii	No	N/A	Yes	No; prostitution offenses only

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/#4.3>.

² An asterisk (*) indicates that vacatur is only available in cases involving coercion and/or control by a trafficker.

³ Although Arizona has a trafficking-specific vacatur law, it only applies to convictions that occurred before July 24, 2014, leaving many survivors without access to this critical remedy. Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-909(A) (Vacating the conviction of a sex trafficking victim; requirements).

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Idaho	No	N/A	Yes*	No; prostitution offenses only (unless the court determines otherwise)
Illinois	No	N/A	Yes	Yes
Indiana	Yes*	No; offenses that “did not result in bodily injury to another person” only	Yes*	No; offenses that “did not result in bodily injury to another person” only
Iowa	No	N/A	No	N/A
Kansas	No	N/A	No	N/A
Kentucky	Yes	No; excludes sex crimes and offenses that would classify a person as a violent offender	Yes	No; excludes violent offenses
Louisiana	Yes	No; prostitution offenses only	No	N/A
Maine	No	N/A	No	N/A
Maryland	No	N/A	Yes	No; qualifying offenses, including prostitution, certain drug-related offenses, trespass, misdemeanor theft, etc., only
Massachusetts	Yes	No; specified offenses, including prostitution and drug-related offenses, only	Yes	No; specified offenses, including prostitution and drug-related offenses, only
Michigan	Yes	No; child sex trafficking victims only have the right to vacate adjudications for prostitution-related offenses (vacatur of other offenses is a conditional privilege)	Yes	No; trafficking-specific provision only applies to prostitution-related offenses
Minnesota	No	N/A	Yes	Yes
Mississippi	No	N/A	Yes	No; Human Trafficking Act violations only
Missouri	Yes	No; prostitution offenses only	No	N/A
Montana	No	N/A	Yes	No; prostitution, sex trafficking, and nonviolent offenses only
Nebraska	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nevada	Yes	No; prostitution-related offenses, unlawful trespass, and loitering only	Yes	No; only prostitution-related offenses or an offense other than a crime of violence

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New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Jersey	Yes	No; does not apply in cases involving murder, manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter, kidnapping, luring or enticing a child, or sexual assault	Yes	No; does not apply in cases involving murder, manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter, kidnapping, luring or enticing a child, or sexual assault
New Mexico	Yes	Yes	No	N/A
New York	No	N/A	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	No	N/A	Yes	No; nonviolent offenses only
North Dakota	No	N/A	Yes	No; prostitution, misdemeanor forgery, misdemeanor theft offenses, insufficient funds or credit offenses, and certain drug-related offenses only
Ohio	Yes	No; prostitution-related offenses only	Yes	No; does not apply in cases involving aggravated murder, murder, or rape <i>and</i> requires one of the convictions to be a for a prostitution-related offense
Oklahoma	No	N/A	No	N/A
Oregon	No	N/A	Yes	No; prostitution offenses only
Pennsylvania	No	N/A	Yes	No; criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, loitering, obstructing highways/public passageways, prostitution/related offenses, or simple drug possession offenses only
Rhode Island	No	N/A	Yes	No; prostitution and solicitation offenses only
South Carolina	No	N/A	Yes	No; prostitution and trafficking offenses only
South Dakota	Yes	Yes	No	N/A
Tennessee	No	N/A	Yes	No; excludes convictions involving the use, attempted use, or threatened use of force or the use or possession of a deadly weapon

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Texas	Yes	No; conduct indicating a need for supervision, including prostitution, as well as misdemeanor offenses or offenses not listed as offenses eligible for a determinate sentence or habitual felony conduct	No	N/A
Utah	Yes	No; labor trafficking offenses committed under force, fraud, or coercion and prostitution-related offenses only (vacatur wholly unavailable—even for these offenses—if any records in the petitioner’s juvenile record are related to aggravated murder or murder)	Yes*	No; possession of a controlled substance, aiding prostitution, criminal trespass, theft, possession of a forged writing or device for writing, retail theft, unlawful possession of another’s identification document, lewdness, prostitution, and sexual solicitation only
Vermont	No	N/A	Yes	No; excludes arson causing death, certain assault and robbery crimes, murder, manslaughter, kidnapping, unlawful restraint, maiming, sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault, and burglary offenses
Virginia	Yes	No; prostitution-related offenses only	Yes	No; prostitution-related offenses only
Washington	Yes	No; only class B or C felonies (excluding most violent offenses and crimes against the person, certain enumerated felonies, and promoting prostitution) as well as misdemeanors/gross misdemeanors (exceptions apply)	Yes	No; only class B or C felonies, excluding most violent offenses and crimes against the person, certain enumerated felonies, and promoting prostitution, as well as misdemeanors/gross misdemeanors (exceptions apply)
West Virginia	Yes	No; prostitution offenses only	Yes	No; prostitution offenses only
Wisconsin	Yes	No; prostitution offenses only	Yes	No; prostitution offenses only
Wyoming	No	N/A	Yes	Yes

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Totals:	23 states allow child sex trafficking victims to vacate delinquency adjudications.	4 of those states extend relief to delinquency adjudications for any offense arising from trafficking victimization.	37 states⁴ allow sex trafficked children and youth to vacate criminal convictions.	7 of those states extend relief to criminal convictions for any offense arising from trafficking victimization.

⁴ Though not technically a state, District of Columbia has been included in the overall state count for statistical purposes.