

POLICY GOAL 5.1 Non-testimonial evidence may be admitted through a child sex trafficking-specific hearsay exception to reduce reliance on victim testimony.

State ¹	Does state law provide a child sex trafficking-specific hearsay exception?	If not, does state law provide a non-child sex trafficking specific hearsay exception that could apply to victims of commercial sexual exploitation?
Alabama	Yes (under 12 only)	N/A
Alaska	No	No
Arizona	No	No
Arkansas	No	No
California	No	No
Colorado	Yes	N/A
Connecticut	No	No
Delaware	Yes (under 11 only)	N/A
District of Columbia	No	No
Florida	Yes (under 17 only)	N/A
Georgia	No	Yes (under 16 only)
Hawaii	No	No
Idaho	No	No
Illinois	No	No
Indiana	No	No
Iowa	No	No
Kansas	No	No
Kentucky	No	No
Louisiana	No	No
Maine	Yes; but limited to video-recorded forensic interviews ²	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/#5.1>.

² Additionally, Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 15, § 1205 (Certain out-of-court statements made by minors or persons with developmental disabilities describing sexual contact) establishes a broad hearsay exception that applies to victims of criminal conduct that encompasses the abuse experienced by child sex trafficking victims; however, this protection is only available to minors under 16 years of age.

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Maryland	Yes (under 13 only)	N/A
Massachusetts	No	No
Michigan	No	Yes (under 10 only)
Minnesota	No	Yes (under 10 only)
Mississippi	No	Yes (under 12 only)
Missouri	Yes (under 14 only)	N/A
Montana	Yes (under 15 only)	N/A
Nebraska	No	No
Nevada	No	Yes (under 10 only)
New Hampshire	No	No
New Jersey	No	No
New Mexico	No	No
New York	No	No
North Carolina	No	No
North Dakota	No	No
Ohio	Yes (under 12 only)	N/A
Oklahoma	No	No
Oregon	No	Yes (under 12 only)
Pennsylvania	Yes (under 13 only)	N/A
Rhode Island	No	No
South Carolina	Yes (under 12 only)	N/A
South Dakota	No	No
Tennessee	Yes; but limited to video-recorded forensic interviews	N/A
Texas	Yes	N/A
Utah	No	Yes; but limited to previously recorded out-of-court statements (under 14 only)
Vermont	No	No
Virginia	No	No
Washington	Yes (under 16 only)	N/A

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West Virginia	No	No
Wisconsin	No	No
Wyoming	No	No
Totals:	14 states provide a child-sex trafficking-specific hearsay exception, but 10 states limit protection to younger minors.	7 states provide a non-child sex trafficking-specific hearsay exception that could apply to victims of commercial sexual exploitation.