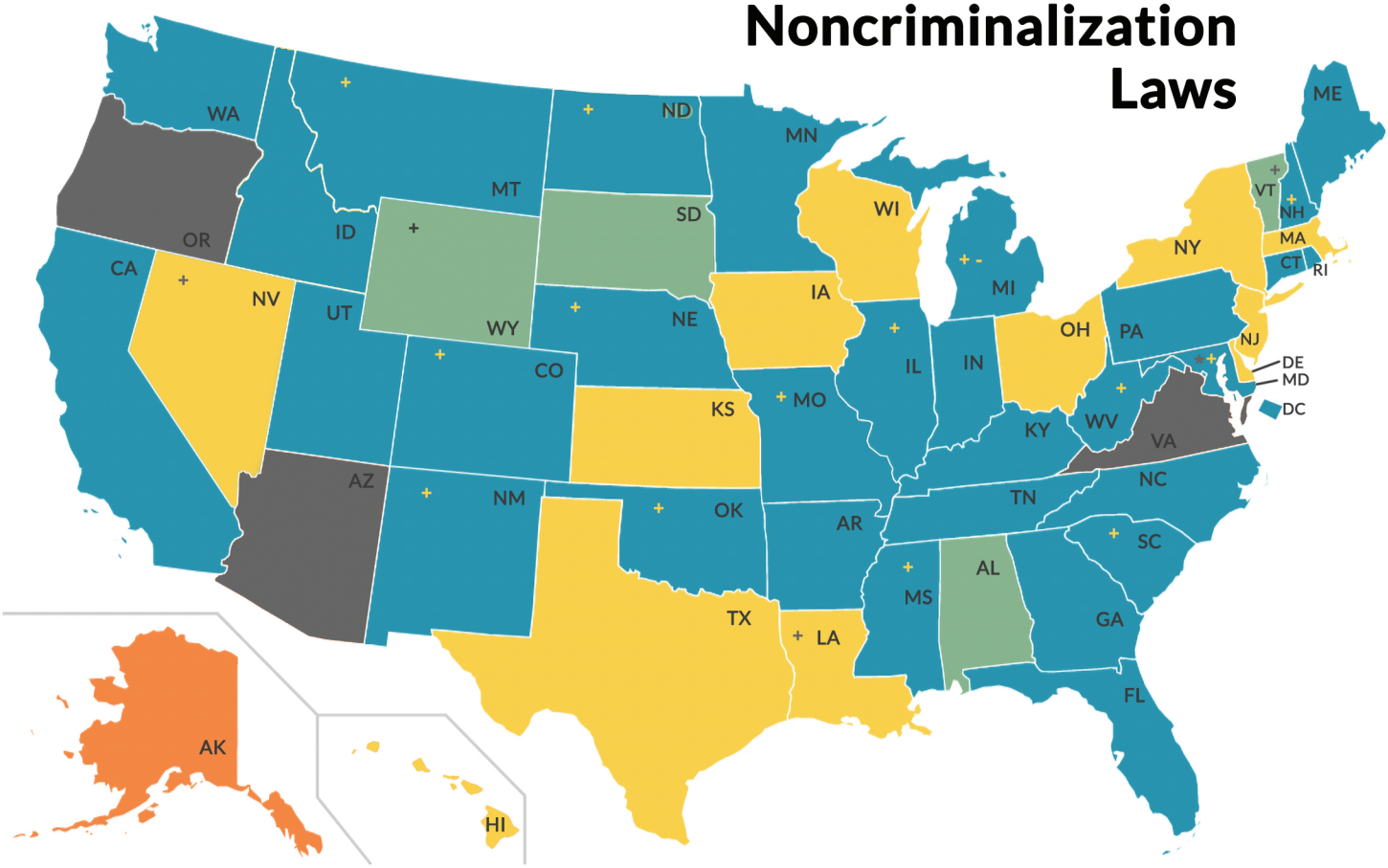
Noncriminalization Laws



# of States

DC + 30	Noncriminalization law (removes criminal liability)
4	Diverts to quasi-punitive system (CHINS) instead of juvenile justice
12	Alternative response through juvenile justice (diversion, discretionary referral/dismissal)
3	Affirmative defense only
1	No statutory protection from criminalization

\+ Noncriminalization protections cover offenses other than prostitution

\- In Michigan, noncriminalization extends only to children age 15 or younger and children age 16+ receive an alternative response through juvenile justice

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