

State Comparison: Criminal Liability for Buyers of Sex With Minors

State	Trafficking Law could be applied to buyers ¹	CSEC could be applied to buyers	Highest Offense Level and Penalty (max. sentence and fine for first offense)	Felony penalty applies to all offenses involving a minor victim
<i>Alabama</i>	<i>No*</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Age-neutral solicitation law Class A misdemeanor (max. 1yr, \$6k)</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Alaska	No	Yes	Class C felony (max. 5yrs, \$50k)	Yes
Arizona	No*	Yes	Class 2 felony (max. 21-27yrs, \$150k)	No ²
Arkansas	No*	Yes	Class A felony (max. 30 yrs, \$15k)	Yes
California	No	No	Age-neutral acquiring prostitute felony (max. 3yrs, \$10k)	Age-neutral
Colorado	No	Yes	Class 3 felony (max. 12yrs, \$750k)	Yes
Connecticut	No	Yes	Class D felony (max. 5yrs, \$5k)	No (16)
Delaware	Yes	No	Class C felony (max. 15yrs)	Yes
DC	No*	Yes	Max. 20yrs, \$20k	Yes
Florida	No	Yes	2 nd degree felony (max. 15yrs, \$10K)	No (16)
Georgia	No*	Yes	Felony (max. 20yrs, \$10k)	Yes
<i>Hawaii</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>NOTE: SB 192 (Makes soliciting sex with minor a felony) passed the legislature but has not been signed into law yet.</i>	(yes, if enacted)
Idaho	No	Yes	Enacted Senate Bill 1060: Felony (2 yrs-life, \$50k)	Yes
Illinois	No*	Yes	Class 3 felony (max. 5yrs, \$25k)	Yes
Indiana	Yes	No	Class C felony (max. 8yrs, \$10k)	Yes
Iowa	Yes	Yes	Class C felony (max. 10yrs, \$10k)	Yes
Kansas	No*	Yes	(Enacted House Bill 2034) Under 14: felony (25–life, \$500k) 14-17 years old: 31–34 months	Yes
<i>Kentucky</i>	<i>No*</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Class A misdemeanor (max. 1yr, \$500)</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Louisiana	Yes	Yes	Felony (max. 50yrs, \$50k)	Yes
Maine	n/a	Yes	Class D crime (max. 1yr, \$2k) If knows <18, Class C (max. 5yrs, \$5k)	Yes
Maryland	No	Yes	Felony (max. 10yrs, \$25k)	Yes

¹ Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of May 7, 2013. Only trafficking laws that clearly apply to buyers have been included. Responses with an asterisk (*) indicate that the sex trafficking law may apply to buyers based on federal precedent.

² While the law applies to all offenses involving a minor victim, buyers face a substantially lower penalty for engaging in prostitution with a minor aged 15-17, unless the prosecution can prove that the buyer knew the minor's age.

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Massachusetts	Yes	Yes	Felony (max. life, \$25k)	Yes
<i>Michigan</i>	<u>No*</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Age-neutral prostitution law</u> <u>Misdemeanor (93 days, \$500)</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Minnesota	No	Yes	Felony (max. 20yrs, \$40k)	Yes
Mississippi	Yes	No	Felony (max. 30yrs, \$10k)	Yes
Missouri	Yes	Yes	Felony (max. life, \$250k)	Yes
Montana	No*	Yes	Felony (max. 100yrs, \$50k)	Yes (Enacted House Bill 478)
Nebraska	Yes	Yes	Class III felony (max. 20yrs, \$25k)	Yes
Nevada	No	Yes	Category E felony (max. 4yrs or probation, \$5K)	Yes
<i>New Hampshire</i>	<u>No*</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Age-neutral prostitution law</u> <u>Class B misdemeanor</u> <u>(fine only, max \$1.2k)</u>	<u>n/a</u>
New Jersey	No*	Yes	3 rd degree crime (max. 5yrs, \$15k)	Yes
New Mexico	No*	Yes	2 nd degree felony (max. 9yrs, \$10k)	No (13-16)
New York	No	Yes	Class A misdemeanor, if 14-18 (max. 1yr, \$1k) Class E felony, if under 14 (max. 4yrs, \$5k) Class D felony, if under 11 (max. 7yrs, \$5k)	No (under 14)
North Carolina	No*	Yes	Class F felony (max. 16mo, discretionary fine)	Yes
<i>North Dakota</i>	<u>No*</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Age-neutral patronizing law</u> <u>Class B misdemeanor</u> <u>(max. 30 days, \$1k)</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Ohio	No	Yes	Felony of the 3 rd degree (max. 36mo, \$10k)	Yes
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes	Felony (min. 10yrs, max. \$20k)	Yes
<i>Oregon</i>	<u>No</u>	Yes	<u>Class A misdemeanor (max. 1yr,</u> <u>\$10k)</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Pennsylvania	No*	Yes	3 rd degree felony (max. 7yrs, \$15k)	Yes
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	Felony (max. 40yrs, \$40k)	Yes
South Carolina	No*	Yes	Class E or F felony (max. 5-10yrs, \$5k)	Yes
<i>South Dakota</i>	<u>No*</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Age-neutral patronizing law</u> <u>Class 1 misdemeanor (1yr, \$2k)</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Tennessee	No*	Yes	Class E felony (max. 6yrs, \$3k)	Yes
Texas	Yes	Yes	Felony of the 1 st degree (max. 99yrs, \$10k)	Yes
Utah	No*	Yes	Enacted House Bill 163 3 rd degree felony (max. 5yrs, \$5k)	Yes

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Vermont	Yes	Yes	Felony (max. 5yrs, \$100k)	Yes
Virginia	n/a	No	Enacted House Bill 1066 Class 5 or 6 felony (max. 10yrs, \$2.5k)	Yes
Washington	No*	Yes	Class B felony (max. 10yrs, \$20k)	Yes
West Virginia	No*	Yes	Felony (max. 10yrs, \$5k)	Yes
Wisconsin	No*	Yes	Class D felony (max. 25yrs, \$100k)	Yes
Wyoming	n/a	No	Enacted House Bill 133 Felony (max. 3yrs, \$5k)	Yes
TOTALS:	12	36	Felony: 43 Misdemeanor: 8 (2 CSEC)	37

