

2010 STATE RATINGS CHART CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. Sex Trafficking:** A statute that criminalizes sex trafficking or trafficking in persons and includes elements of coercing another to engage in a commercial sex act. Some states have related laws under the prostitution code that do not necessarily qualify as sex trafficking laws.
- 2. Labor Trafficking:** A statute that creates the crime of labor trafficking or trafficking in persons, in which a person is compelled through force, fraud or coercion into providing labor or services.
- 3. Asset Forfeiture for Human Trafficking:** A statute that provides for the forfeiture of assets used in the course of conducting the crime or acquired with proceeds from the crime of human trafficking (*States with statutes that provide for vehicle forfeiture in similar crimes, such as prostitution or abduction as in the case of Virginia, are noted).
- 4. Training on Human Trafficking for Law Enforcement:** A statute that mandates or encourages law enforcement to be trained in human trafficking issues and the law.
- 5. Human Trafficking Commission or Task Force:** A statute that creates, establishes or encourages a task force, commission or advisory committee dedicated to addressing human trafficking.
- 6. Posting a Human Trafficking Hotline:** A statute that provides, requires, encourages, allows or mandates the public posting of a human trafficking hotline, such as the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline or a state human trafficking hotline.
- 7. Safe Harbor:** A statute that dictates that minor victims of sex trafficking cannot be prosecuted for prostitution, and instead are diverted to the child protection system and/or victim service programs rather than criminal/juvenile detention programs for prostitution crimes (NOTE: Because this is a relatively new trend, states are credited for taking the first steps toward “safe harbor” to ensure that minors are not prosecuted for prostitution).
- 8. No Requirement of Force, Fraud or Coercion for Sex Trafficking of Minors in the Human Trafficking Law:** A statute that ensures that the elements of force, fraud or coercion are not required for a trafficker to be prosecuted for the sex trafficking of a minor.
- 9. Victim Services:** A statute that specifically provides assistance or funds programs to help victims of human trafficking. Victim services and protection may include counseling, job assistance, housing, improving access to crime victim compensation funds or other existing state programs, and/or a victim/caseworker privilege.
- 10. Civil Remedy:** A statute that provides victims of human trafficking with the ability to seek civil damages from their traffickers.