

Polaris Statistical Information Originally provided in 2014 STATES updated 1/22/24			ICJ South Region																	
			AL	AR	DC	FL	GA	KY	LA	MD	MS	MO	NC	OK	SC	TN	TX	VA	WV	
1	Sex Trafficking	A statute that criminalizes sex trafficking and includes elements of inducing another through force, fraud, or coercion to engage in a commercial sex act. Some states have related laws in the prostitution code and were given credit if they had the same criminal elements	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3(a)	Asset Forfeiture for Human Trafficking	A statute that amends existing Racketeer Influential and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act statutes to include the forfeiture of assets used in the course of a crime or acquired with proceeds from the crime of human trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
3(b)	Investigative Tools for Law Enforcement	A statute that amends existing Racketeering (RICO) statutes to include the crime of human trafficking or authorizes the use of wiretapping by law enforcement in human trafficking investigations.	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
4(a)	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.	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4(b)	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	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
5	Low Burden of Proof for Sex Trafficking of Minors	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	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Posting a Human Trafficking Hotline	A statute that mandates or encourages the public posting of a human trafficking hotline, such as the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline or a state human trafficking hotline.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
7	Safe Harbor - Protecting Sexually Exploited Minors	A statute that recognizes sexually exploited individuals under 18 as victims of crime in need of protection and services by granting immunity from prosecution or diverting minors from juvenile delinquency proceedings, and instead directing them to child welfare services. In order to receive full credit, the state must have provisions that relate to both immunity or diversion and services for the child.	Yes	0.5	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	0.5	*	No	No	
8	Victim Assistance	A statute that provides assistance mandates the creation of a victim services plan, or fund programs to help victims of human trafficking. Victim services and protection may include counseling, job assistance, housing, continuing education, legal services and/or human trafficking caseworker privilege.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
9	Access to Civil Damages	A statute that provides victims of human trafficking with the ability to seek civil damages from their traffickers.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
10	Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims	A statute that permits victims to have convictions for prostitution that were committed as a result of being trafficked vacated from their criminal records.	Yes	*	No	Yes	Yes	*	*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	*	No	No	*	No	Yes	

* not confirmed definite yes or no to date