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SCORECARD TOPLINES

This section highlights the sections of law that need improvement and provides suggestions for what states need to change so that their grades improve and the state is safer.

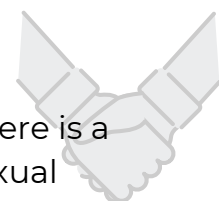
Child Marriage

States are graded on whether individuals under 18 years of age are allowed to marry; whether a lower age limit exists for marriage if a minor is pregnant; whether a minor is allowed to marry only with judicial approval; and whether parental consent is not required for a minor to marry if the minor was already previously married;



Consent to Sexual Contact

States are scored on the lowest age of consent for sexual contact; whether there is a recognized difference in age for consent between individuals engaging in sexual contact; whether the law does requires consent to be freely given or given by affirmative consent; whether the law accounts for a person's developmental disability or mental capacity impacting their ability to consent; whether the law accounts for a person's consciousness impacting their ability to consent; whether the law accounts for a person's intoxication impacting their ability to consent; and whether the law accounts for the relationship between a victim and perpetrator impacting the victim's ability to consent.



Discrimination & Hate Crimes

States are graded on whether the state has a hate crime law, whether it requires data collection on hate crimes, whether it criminalizes interference with religious worship; whether a criminal penalty enhancement exists for crimes or whether a separate crime exists for crimes motivated by race, religion, or ethnicity; and whether criminal penalty enhancements exist for crimes motivated by sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, disability, political affiliation, or age.



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Sexual Assault Kit Testing



States are graded on whether an inventory of untested sexual assault evidence kits has occurred and whether it is ongoing or one-time; whether testing of the backlog has occurred; whether mandatory testing of new sexual assault evidence kits is required to occur; whether a sexual assault evidence kit tracking system has been implemented; whether a rape survivor's right to notice exists; and whether state funding for sexual assault evidence kit handling reform has been provided.

Spousal Rape



States are graded on whether rape of a spouse is treated differently than rape of an individual who is not a spouse of the perpetrator. In some states, a spouse cannot be convicted of raping their partner if the partner is unconscious, drugged, or otherwise incapacitated. Exemptions to prosecution exist. In some states, a spouse cannot be convicted of raping a partner under laws criminalizing statutory rape or sexual contact between people with a supervisory relationship.

Statute of Limitations for Sexual Crimes



States are graded on whether the state has a reduced statute of limitations for criminal prosecution if a victim chooses not to report the crime; what the statute of limitations is for the most serious felony sex crimes; whether the statute of limitations has been eliminated for all felony sex crimes; and whether exceptions to the statute of limitations allows an exception for DNA evidence.