

Example Statutory Profile



[State/Territory Name]

School-Based Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Laws

Child sexual abuse is a serious, preventable public health issue. It happens in homes, schools and other places, but it can be prevented before it occurs. States and territories have applied a variety of legislative strategies to address the problem. To better understand what they are doing to prevent child sexual abuse, we collected and summarized relevant laws.

Here's what we found in [STATE/TERRITORY NAME] as of 2022:

EDUCATION & AWARENESS – state laws intended to protect school children by educating them and/or the adults in their lives about the risks of sexual abuse and misconduct.

Policy Type	Statute	Description
School Curriculum and Trainings	Adult Yes	If “yes,” the law says that child sexual abuse (CSA) education is required or optional for adults. This means the identified adults must receive training.
	Child Yes	If “yes,” the law says CSA education is required or optional for children. It also may identify grades that must receive training.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL POLICIES – state laws intended to create safe schools through hiring, dismissal and other personnel practices.

Policy Type	Statute	Description
Hiring/Dismissal Policy	Yes	Laws about hiring and firing teachers due to misconduct. This category is “yes” if there’s an existing fingerprint, background check, reference check, and/or licensure law.
Fingerprints	Yes	If “yes,” the law requires fingerprinting teachers before being hired.
Background Checks	Criminal Yes	If “yes,” the law requires a criminal check before hiring. This check may apply to different types of school staff or volunteers.
	Misconduct Yes	If “yes,” the law requires a misconduct check before hiring a teacher. This includes checks on their past misconduct in other schools or youth organizations.
	Disciplinary Yes	If “yes,” the law requires a disciplinary check before hiring a teacher. This includes a check on their past disciplinary actions in other schools or youth organizations.
Reference Checks	Yes	If “yes,” the law requires a job reference check before hiring a teacher. This is separate from various background checks.
Licensure	Yes	If “yes,” the law says a teacher’s license can be revoked for misconduct or serious moral issues.

STANDARDS FOR CONDUCT – state laws that set minimum standards for conduct in schools.

Policy Type	Statute	Description
Code of Conduct/Ethics	No	If “yes,” the law has an employee code of ethics or conduct.

LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY– state laws criminalizing sexual misconduct by a person in position of authority to further ensure safety in schools and communities.

Policy Type	Statute	Description
Position of Authority	No	If “yes,” the law prohibits adults in positions of authority from having sexual contact with students.