



Statutes Prohibiting the Aiding and Abetting of School Sexual Misconduct



Our definition:

Statute bans assisting teachers found guilty of sexual misconduct in obtaining employment in another school or school district without a record of their conduct being known or following them.



What are these laws?

Often, teachers or school personnel can move to another job without a record of sexual misconduct.^{1,2} This practice is commonly referred to as “pass the trash.” Aiding and abetting laws ban this practice.

1 Grant, B. J., Wilkerson, S., & Henschel, M. (2018). Passing the Trash: Absence of state laws allows for continued sexual abuse of K-12 students by school employees. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 28(1), 84–104. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10538712.2018.1483460>

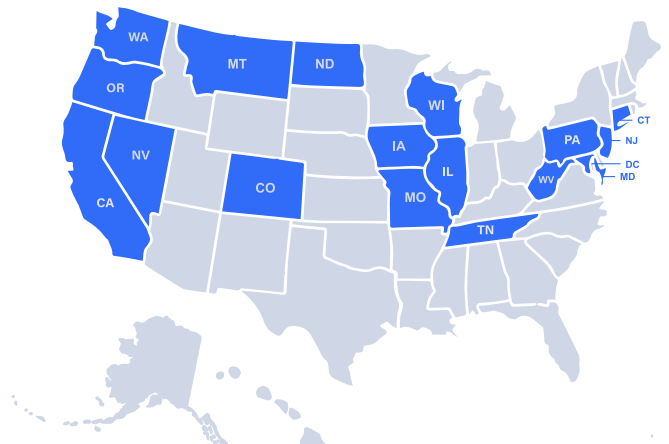
2 Shakeshaft, C. (2025). *Organizational betrayal: How schools enable sexual misconduct and how to stop it*. Harvard Education Press.



Here's what we found:

As of 2022, only 18 states or territories have banned aiding and abetting practices in law.

- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- District of Columbia
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Maryland
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- North Dakota
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Tennessee
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin



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