

Table 1. Age-related statutory provisions prohibiting sexual relationships between minors and adults, selected states, as of 1997

State	Age of minor	Age of adult	Minimum age difference
California	≤17	≥3 years older	3 years
Florida	16–17	≥24	7 years
	<16	Unspecified	None
Illinois	13–16	≥5 years older	5 years
New York	≤16	≥21	5 years
Texas	≤16	≥3 years oldert	3 years

†This age difference is legislated as an “affirmative defense”; the statute does not specify the age of the perpetrator. *Sources:* California, *Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Act, Penal Code* (1995), sec. 261.5; Florida Statutes (Page 2937), sec. 794.05; 720 Illinois. Comp. Stat. Ann. § 5/12-15 (1993); NY Penal Law § 130.25 (McKinney 1987); and Texas Penal Code, sec. 21.11.