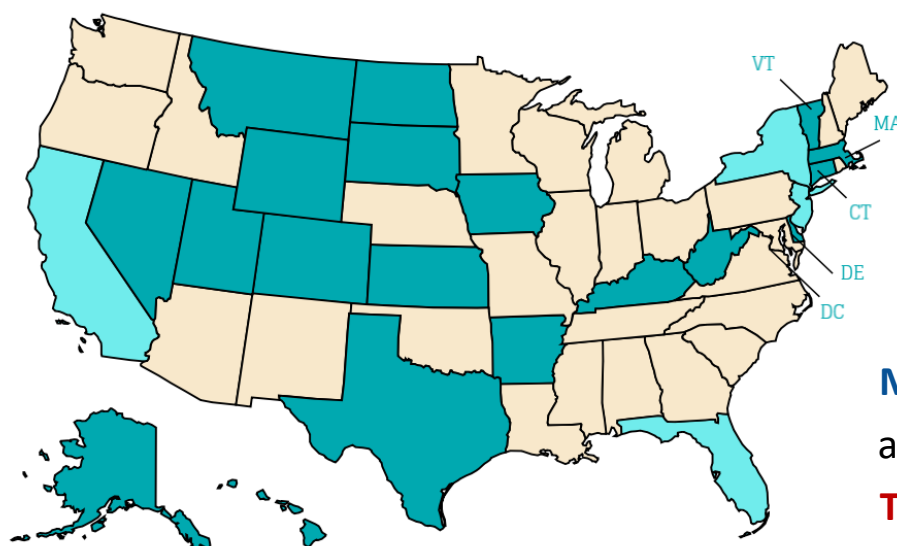


- *Gives all youth under 18 the opportunity for parole hearings after serving 15 years
- *Without any guarantee of release, provides hope and an incentive for rehabilitation



4 additional states provide review in most cases

Rhode Island lags behind its neighbors in **Connecticut**, **Massachusetts**, and **Vermont**, and states including **Arkansas**, **Texas**, **Nevada**, **South Dakota**, **West Virginia**, and **Utah**.



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child prohibits “life imprisonment without possibility of release.”

The **United States** is the **ONLY** country that has not ratified the CRC.

“Children are constitutionally different from adults for purposes of sentencing. Because juveniles have diminished culpability and greater prospects for reform...they are less deserving of the most severe punishments.”

United States Supreme Court in
Miller v. Alabama, 132 S. Ct. 2455, 2464 (2012).

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