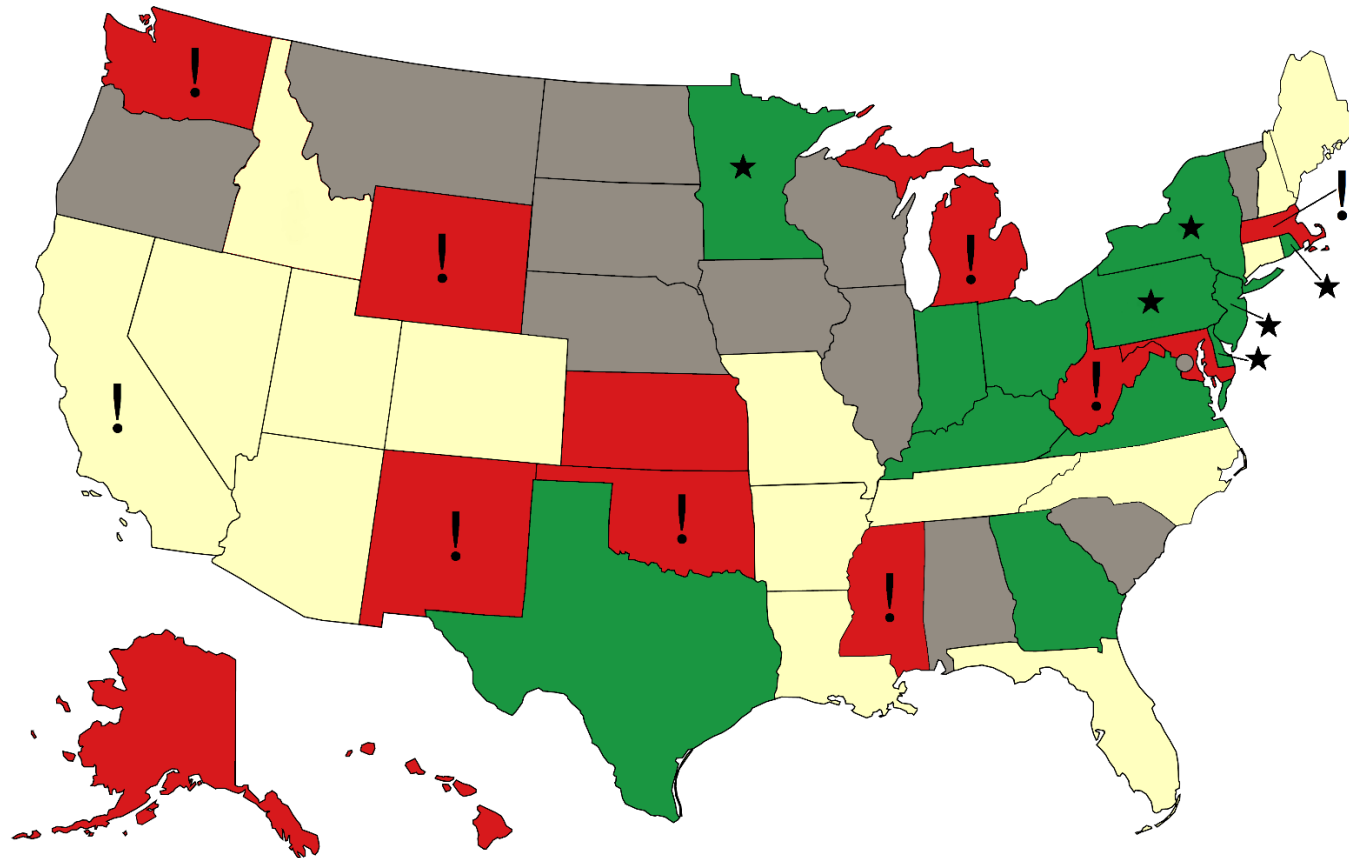


Legislative Reforms to Limit or End Child Marriage Since 2016







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23 states and Washington, DC have yet to adopt any reforms.

Among those, the “worst offenders” are states with:

- No age floor + pregnancy exception → NM, OK
- No age floor + different rules for girls vs. boys → MS
- Low age floor (below 16) + pregnancy exception + no judge involved → MD

-  Reforms set age floor of 18, no exceptions
-  Reforms limited marriage to legal adults (age 18, or court-emancipated minors)
-  Reforms limited child marriage by setting/raising age floors, setting maximum age differences, and/or instituting or strengthening judicial review
-  No reforms to existing laws, which allow marriage at age 16 and older
-  No reforms to existing laws, which allow marriage below age 16
-  No age floor – if statutory criteria are met, there is no limit on how young a child can be married