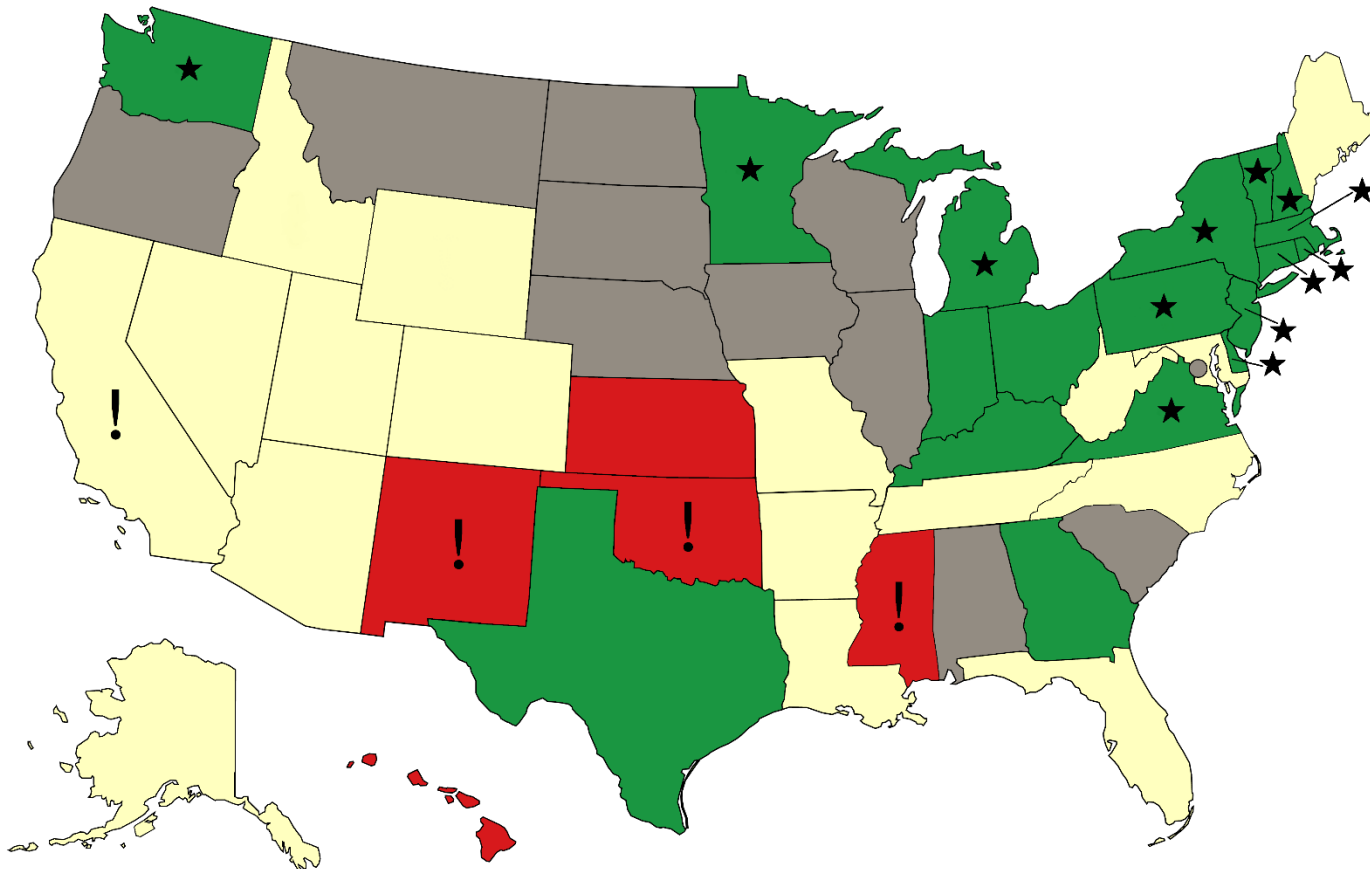


# Legislative Reforms to Limit or End Child Marriage Since 2016

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15 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

- ★ 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