Legislative Reforms to Limit or End Child Marriage Since 2016

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

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

- No age floor + pregnancy exception \(\rightarrow\) NM, OK
- No age floor + different rules for girls vs. boys \(\rightarrow\) 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