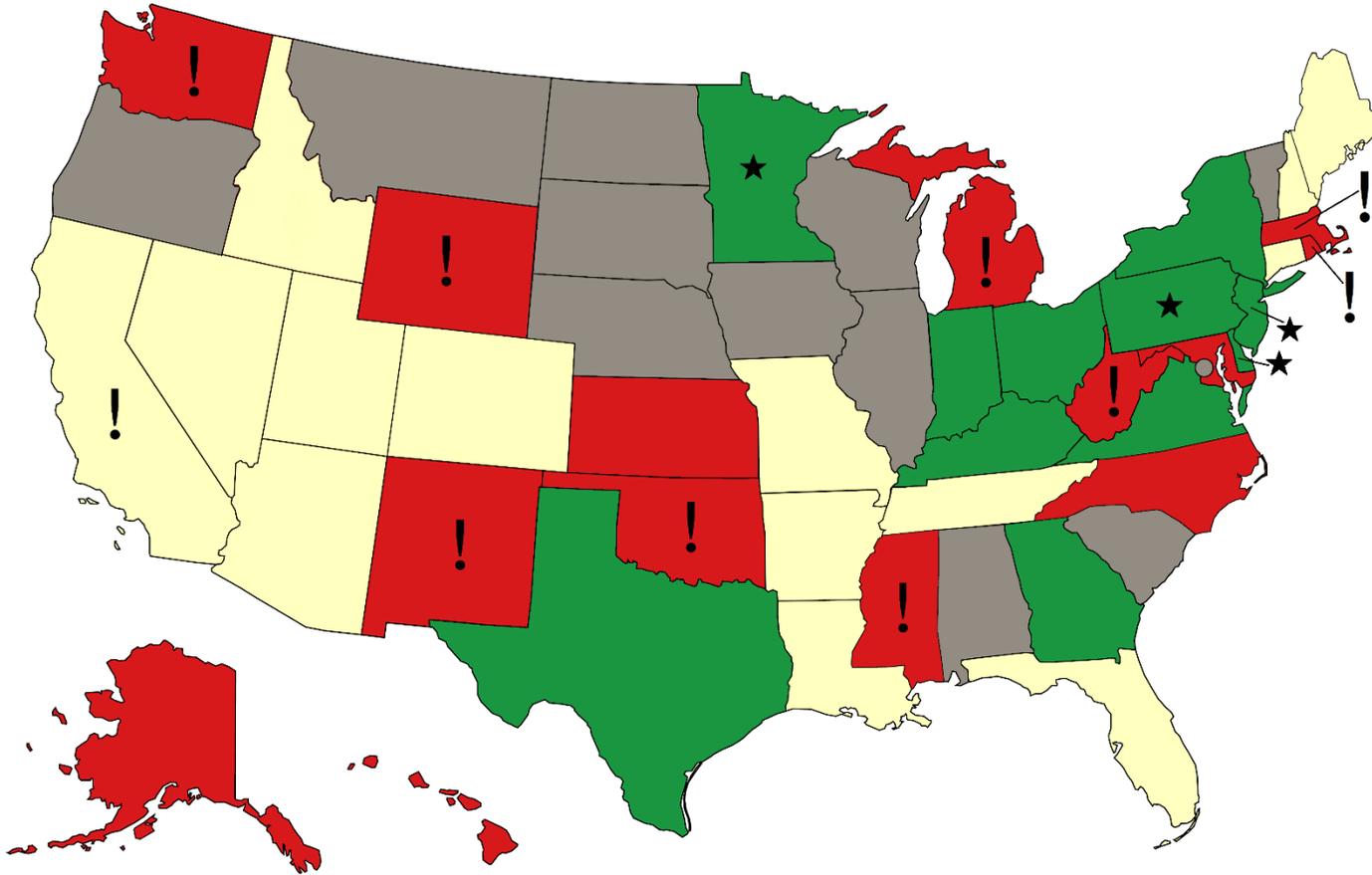


Legislative Reforms to Limit or End Child Marriage Since 2016



25 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 → NC, MD. There is also no judge involved in MD.

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