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**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**RED FLAG**

The highest student homelessness rate & 2nd highest childhood poverty rate

**EDUCATION**

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<td>78.7 %</td>
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Does your state...

- have expanded Medicaid coverage for additional populations? **✓**
- protect housing voucher holders from discrimination? **✓**
- prohibit or highly regulate payday lending? **✓**
- spend above the national average of its TANF funds on basic assistance? **✓**
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