

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0153

Parental rights.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Jennings, Baker, Biteman, Blake, Brown, Clem, Dayton, Edwards, Eklund, Lindholm, Loucks, McKim, Steinmetz and Winters and Senator(s) Baldwin, Barnard, Bebout, Case and Kinskey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to parents; providing for a parental right  
2 to direct the upbringing, education and care of a child;  
3 providing applicability; and providing for an effective  
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 14-2-206 is created to read:

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10 **14-2-206. Protection of parental rights.**

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12 (a) The liberty of a parent to direct the upbringing,  
13 education and care of the parent's child is a fundamental  
14 right.

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2 (b) The state, or any agency or political subdivision  
3 of the state, shall not infringe the parental right as  
4 provided under this section without demonstrating that the  
5 interest of the government as applied to the parent or  
6 child is a compelling state interest addressed by the least  
7 restrictive means.

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9 (c) This section shall apply to any state or local  
10 law or ordinance and its implementation whether that law or  
11 ordinance was adopted prior to or after the effective date  
12 of this section. Any statute adopted after the effective  
13 date of this section is subject to this section unless it  
14 explicitly states that this section does not apply by  
15 reference.

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17 (d) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to apply  
18 to a parent whose parental rights have been judicially  
19 terminated.

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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