

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0107

Sexual assault parental rights.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Blackburn, Clem, Henderson,  
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to termination of parental rights; including  
2 sexual assault as a factor that a court may consider to  
3 terminate parental rights as specified; specifying no  
4 reunification effort is required; and providing for an  
5 effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 14-2-309(a) by creating a new paragraph  
10 (ix) is amended to read:

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12 **14-2-309. Grounds for termination of parent-child**  
13 **relationship; clear and convincing evidence.**

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1           (a) The parent-child legal relationship may be  
2 terminated if any one (1) or more of the following facts is  
3 established by clear and convincing evidence:

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5           (ix) The parent committed sexual assault and the  
6 child was conceived as a result of the sexual assault. For  
7 the purposes of this paragraph, the following shall apply:

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9           (A) A person committed sexual assault if the  
10 person engaged in conduct that is prohibited under W.S.  
11 6-2-302, 6-2-303, 6-2-314 through 6-2-316 or other similar  
12 law of another jurisdiction, regardless of whether the person  
13 has been charged or convicted of sexual assault;

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15           (B) Reasonable effort to reunify the family  
16 is not required to terminate parental rights;

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18           (C) The court shall accept as conclusive  
19 proof of sexual assault a conviction to any of the crimes  
20 listed in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, including a  
21 plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

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1           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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