



SF0022

**Ground for termination of parental rights-
guardianship.**

Sponsored By: Senator(s) Schuler and Landen and Representative(s)
Chestek, Clouston and Washut

AN ACT relating to children; providing that a guardianship with a relative and a finding of unfitness may be a ground for the termination of parental rights as specified; and providing for an effective date.

12/5/2024 Bill Number Assigned
12/19/2024 S Received for Introduction
1/29/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S01 - Judiciary
2/3/2025 S01 - Judiciary:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 4-0-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Crago, Crum, Kolb, Olsen
Excused: Senator Hicks
Ayes 4 Nays 0 Excused 1 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/3/2025 S Placed on General File

SF0022SS001/ADOPTED (CORRECTED COPY)

Page 2-line 7 Delete "more than" and insert "at least"; after "twenty-four (24)" insert "consecutive".

Page 2-line 8 Before "the parent" insert "a showing that"; before "custody" delete "the". OLSEN, CHAIRMAN

2/7/2025 S COW:Passed
2/10/2025 S 2nd Reading:Passed
2/11/2025 S 3rd Reading:Passed 19-11-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, Hicks, Hutchings, Jones, Landen, Laursen, Olsen, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz
Nays: Senator(s) Biteman, Case, French, Gierau, Ide, Kolb, Mckeown, Nethercott, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar
Excused: Senator Pappas
Ayes 19 Nays 11 Excused 1 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/11/2025 H Received for Introduction
2/20/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H01 - Judiciary
2/21/2025 H01 - Judiciary:Recommend Do Pass 8-0-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Brady, Bratten, Chestek, Filer, Kelly, Singh, Washut, Webb
Excused: Representative Lien
Ayes 8 Nays 0 Excused 1 Absent 0 Conflicts 0

2/21/2025 H Placed on General File

SF0022HW001/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 2-line 9

After "child." insert "As used in this paragraph, "relative" means as defined by W.S. 3-2-301(a)(iii).".
LIEN

SF0022HW002/FAILED

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Page 1-line 3

After "specified;" insert "providing appropriations for preschool children with disabilities and Medicaid behavioral health rate rebasing;".

Page 2-after line 9

Insert and renumber as necessary:

"Section 2.

(a) There is appropriated four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) from the general fund to the department of health for services to preschool children with disabilities. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of health's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

(b) There is appropriated eight hundred thirty-three thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars (\$833,153.00) from the general fund and there is appropriated eight hundred thirty-three thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars (\$833,153.00) from federal funds to the department of health for purposes of Medicaid behavioral health rate rebasing. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of health's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium."

Page 2-line 11

Delete "**Section 2.**" and insert "**Section 3.**". CAMPBELL, E, LARSEN, L

SF0022HW003/ADOPTED

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Page 1-line 3

After "specified;" insert "providing an appropriation to increase room and board reimbursement rates for youth facilities;".

Page 2-after line 9

Insert and renumber as necessary:

"Section 2. There is appropriated two million four hundred twenty-seven thousand ninety-seven dollars (\$2,427,097.00) from the general fund to the department of family services to increase the room and board reimbursement rate paid by the department of family services to group homes, community crisis centers, residential treatment centers and board of cooperative educational services facilities. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of health's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.". CAMPBELL, E, LARSEN, L

2/27/2025 H COW:Passed
2/28/2025 H 2nd Reading:Laid Back

SF0022H2001/WITHDRAWN

SF0022H2002/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the Campbell, E, et al. committee of the whole amendment (SF0022HW003/AE) entirely. LARSEN, L

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Storer, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

Nays: Representative(s) Brown, G, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Wasserburger

Excused: Representative(s) Brown, L, Riggins

Ayes 55 **Nays** 5 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

**SF0022H2003/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)
(CORRECTED COPY)**

Page 2-line 7 Delete "twenty-four (24)" and insert "thirty-six (36)".
BRATTEN

3/3/2025 H 2nd Reading:Passed

SF0022H3001/FAILED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the Bratten second reading amendment (SF0022H2003/ACE) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 1-line 3 After "specified;" insert "providing a definition;".

Page 1-line 8 After "W.S." insert "14-2-308(a) by creating a new subsection (x) and".

Page 1-line 9 Delete "is" and insert "are".

Page 1-after line 9 Insert:

"14-2-308. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(x) "Unfit" includes the ability to meet the ongoing physical, mental and emotional needs of the child."

Page 2-line 7 Delete "twenty-four (24) consecutive" and insert "fifteen (15) of the most recent twenty-two (22)".
FILER

SF0022H3002/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Delete the Bratten second reading amendment (SF0022H2003/ACE) and the Filer third reading amendment (SF0022H3001/AE) entirely. WASHUT

3/4/2025 H 3rd Reading:Passed 44-17-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Haroldson, Harshman, Hoeft, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Posey, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie

Nays: Representative(s) Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Connolly, Guggenmos, Heiner, Jarvis, Johnson, Lien, Locke, Pendergraft, Provenza, Sherwood, Smith, Storer, Strock, Yin

Excused: Representative Lucas

Ayes 44 **Nays** 17 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/4/2025 S Received for Concurrence

3/4/2025 S Concur:Passed 16-15-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Landen, Olsen, Pappas, Schuler, Smith

Nays: Senator(s) Biteman, Case, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Scott, Steinmetz

Ayes 16 **Nays** 15 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/4/2025 Assigned Number SEA No. 0083

3/4/2025 S President Signed SEA No. 0083

3/5/2025 H Speaker Signed SEA No. 0083

3/13/2025 Governor Signed SEA No. 0083

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