

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0157

Termination of parental rights-standing.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Jennings, Barlow, Clem,  
Edwards, Hallinan, Laursen, Miller, Olsen,  
Salazar and Tass and Senator(s) Hutchings,  
James and Kinskey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to children and parents; creating standing  
2 for biological grandparents acting in loco parentis to  
3 petition for the termination of parental rights; and  
4 providing for an effective 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. 14-2-310 by creating a new subsection  
9 (b) is amended to read:

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11 **14-2-310. Parties authorized to file petition.**

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13 (b) The petition for the termination of the  
14 parent-child relationship may be filed with the court by a

1 biological or adoptive grandparent acting in loco parentis to  
2 the child, where the child has resided with the grandparent  
3 for a period of not less than one (1) year and the placement  
4 is not under the direction of a juvenile court or the  
5 department of family services.

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

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