

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0311

Child support-substantial contributions.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gray

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to child support; defining a term; authorizing
 2 the award of attorney fees for intentionally misrepresenting
 3 substantial contributions or facts related to factors
 4 considered for deviating from established child support as
 5 specified; making conforming amendments; specifying
 6 applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 20-2-303(a) by creating a new paragraph
 11 (iv) and by renumbering (iv) as (v) and 20-2-307 by creating
 12 a new subsection (e) are amended to read:

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14 **20-2-303. Definitions.**

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16 (a) As used in this article:

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(iv) "Substantial contribution" means a material contribution toward the child's support that provides something of real value and that is important to fulfill a present need of the child. "Substantial contribution" shall not include contributions for nominal expenses, contributions that have no value, are redundant, superfluous or excessive or are contributions made pursuant to an existing court order;

~~(iv)~~(v) "This article" means W.S. 20-2-301 through 20-2-315.

20-2-307. Presumptive child support to be followed; deviations by court.

(e) The court may order a party who intentionally misrepresents to the court any substantial contribution he makes on the child's behalf or any fact related to the factors specified in subsection (b) of this section to pay reasonable attorney fees and court costs incurred as a result of the intentional misrepresentation to the other party.

1 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to any proceeding to
2 establish or modify temporary or permanent child support
3 filed on or after the effective date of this act.

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5 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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