

SENATE FILE NO. SF0018

Indian child welfare act-safe haven amendments.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to children; amending the safe haven
 2 statutes to require compliance with the Wyoming Indian
 3 Child Welfare Act as specified; requiring rulemaking; and
 4 providing for effective dates.

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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. 14-11-103(d) and 14-11-105 by
 9 creating a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

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11 **14-11-103. Relinquishment of a newborn child.**

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13 (d) The parent or parent's designee may provide
 14 information regarding the parent and newborn child's
 15 medical histories, and identifying information regarding
 16 the nonrelinquishing parent of the child. ~~., but~~ The safe

1 haven provider ~~may~~ shall ask the parent or the parent's
2 designee whether the child has any tribal affiliation or
3 Native American ancestry, and request relevant information
4 to determine the child's tribe. The safe haven provider
5 shall not require that any information be given or the
6 person relinquishing ~~expresses~~ express an intent for return
7 of the child.

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9 **14-11-105. Child placement; termination of parental**
10 **rights.**

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12 (d) If the child is an Indian child as defined by
13 W.S. 14-6-702(a)(iv), the court and all parties shall
14 comply with the Wyoming Indian Child Welfare Act and the
15 department shall serve the petition as required by W.S.
16 14-6-704.

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18 **Section 2.** The department of family services shall
19 promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act not
20 later than July 1, 2024.

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1 **Section 3.**

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3 (a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of
4 this section, this act is effective July 1, 2024.

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6 (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective
7 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
8 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
9 the Wyoming Constitution.

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