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Chapter No.: 90

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act.**

Has Report: No

Subject: Child custody and visitation.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act adopts the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act (UCAPA) in the state of Wyoming.
- The UCAPA authorizes a district court to order child abduction prevention measures and conditions if, following a hearing, the court finds the evidence establishes there is a credible risk of abduction of a child.
- The UCAPA statutes:
 - Contain definitions;
 - Specify who may file a petition for an abduction prevention order (a party to a child custody determination or another person or entity having a right under the law of this state or any other state to seek a child custody determination for the child);
 - Specify requirements for a petition for an abduction prevention order;
 - Authorize a court on its own motion to enter an abduction prevention order in a child custody proceeding;
 - Specify factors that a court must consider in determining whether the evidence establishes there is a credible risk of abduction of a child;
 - Provide a list of measures and conditions that a court may order if it finds the evidence establishes there is a credible risk of abduction of a child;
 - Require a court to give due consideration to the custody and visitation rights of the parties when entering an abduction prevention order;
 - Specify the duration of an abduction prevention order; and
 - Authorize a court to issue an ex parte warrant to take physical custody of a child if the court finds there is a credible risk that a child is imminently likely to be abducted.

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