

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0153

Representation of children in compact proceedings.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Throne and Senator(s)
Burns

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Interstate Compact on Juveniles;
2 providing for appointment of the state public defender or a
3 guardian ad litem to represent juveniles in accordance with
4 the compact; and 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. 7-6-104(c)(v) and 14-12-101(a) by
9 creating a new paragraph (v) and by renumbering (v) as (vi)
10 are amended to read:

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12 **7-6-104. Representation of needy persons.**

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14 (c) A needy person who is entitled to be represented
15 by an attorney under subsection (a) of this section is
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(v) To be represented by the public defender when requested by a fugitive in a proceeding for extradition for the limited purpose provided in W.S. 7-3-210 or for fugitive juveniles under the Interstate Compact on Juveniles, W.S. 14-6-102, when requested by the juvenile or the court;

14-12-101. Guardian ad litem program; administration by the public defender's office; standards; rulemaking.

(a) The office of the state public defender shall administer a guardian ad litem program. The program shall employ or contract with, supervise and manage attorneys providing legal representation as guardians ad litem in the following cases and actions:

(v) Interstate Compact on Juveniles proceedings under W.S. 14-6-102, when requested by the juvenile or the court;

~~(v)~~ (vi) Appeals to the Wyoming supreme court in the cases or actions specified in this subsection.

1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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