

ENROLLED ACT NO. 26, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2024 BUDGET SESSION

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

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

Section 1. W.S. 14-11-103(d) and 14-11-105 by creating a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

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

(d) The parent or parent's designee may provide information regarding the parent and newborn child's medical histories, and identifying information regarding the nonrelinquishing parent of the child., ~~but~~ The safe haven provider ~~may~~ shall, after informing the parent or the parent's designee that no information is required to be given, ask the parent or the parent's designee whether the child has any tribal affiliation or Native American ancestry, and request relevant information to determine the child's tribe. The safe haven provider shall not require that any information be given or the person relinquishing ~~expresses~~ express an intent for return of the child.

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

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

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

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Section 3.

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

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk