

ENROLLED ACT NO. 83, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2025 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to children; providing that a guardianship with a relative and a finding of unfitness may be a ground for the termination of parental rights as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 14-2-309(a) by creating a new paragraph (x) is amended to read:

**14-2-309. Grounds for termination of parent-child relationship; clear and convincing evidence.**

(a) The parent-child legal relationship may be terminated if any one (1) or more of the following facts is established by clear and convincing evidence:

(x) The child has been appointed a guardian who is a relative of the child, the child has been under the guardian's care for at least twenty-four (24) consecutive months and a showing that the parent is unfit to have custody and control of the child. As used in this paragraph, "relative" means as defined by W.S. 3-2-301(a)(iii).

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**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk