

SENATE FILE NO. SF0133

Protection of parental rights-amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Brennan, Biteman, Hutchings,
Pearson, Smith, D and Steinmetz and
Representative(s) Andrew, Lawley, Neiman,
Ottman, Rodriguez-Williams and Singh

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to parental rights; authorizing claims and
2 defenses against governmental action violating parental
3 rights as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 1-39-124 is created to read:

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9 **1-39-124. Liability; parental rights.**

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11 A governmental entity is liable for damages resulting from
12 a violation of W.S. 14-2-206.

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 1-39-104(a) and 14-2-206 by creating
2 a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

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4 **1-39-104. Granting immunity from tort liability;**
5 **liability on contracts; exceptions.**

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7 (a) A governmental entity and its public employees
8 while acting within the scope of duties are granted
9 immunity from liability for any tort except as provided by
10 W.S. 1-39-105 through 1-39-112, ~~1-39-122 and 1-39-123~~ and
11 1-39-122 through 1-39-124. Any immunity in actions based on
12 a contract entered into by a governmental entity is waived
13 except to the extent provided by the contract if the
14 contract was within the powers granted to the entity and
15 was properly executed and except as provided in W.S.
16 1-39-120(b). The claims procedures of W.S. 1-39-113 apply
17 to contractual claims against governmental entities.

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19 **14-2-206. Protection of parental rights;**
20 **applicability.**

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22 (d) A person whose parental right as provided under
23 this section has been infringed or will be infringed in

1 violation of this section may assert the violation or
2 impending violation as a claim or defense in a judicial or
3 administrative proceeding, regardless of whether the state
4 or one of its political subdivisions is a party to the
5 proceeding. The person asserting the claim or defense may
6 obtain appropriate relief, including relief against the
7 state or its political subdivisions. Appropriate relief
8 includes, but is not limited to, injunctive relief,
9 declaratory relief, compensatory damages and costs and
10 attorney fees.

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

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14 (END)