

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0156

Best interests of a child-gender affirming treatments.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to children; establishing a conclusive  
 2 presumption for court determinations of the best interests  
 3 of the child; providing a definition; specifying  
 4 applicability; 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. 3-2-113, 3-2-304, 3-3-1108, 8-1-110,  
 9 14-2-824, 14-3-442, 14-6-441, 20-2-206 and 20-2-317 are  
 10 created to read:

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12 **3-2-113. Best interests of the child conclusive**  
 13 **presumption.**

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1 To the extent applicable, in determining the best interests  
2 of the child under this article, there shall be a  
3 conclusive presumption that it is not in the best interests  
4 of the child to undergo any gender transition or gender  
5 reassignment procedures as defined by W.S. 20-2-206(a).

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7 **3-2-304. Best interests of the child conclusive**  
8 **presumption.**

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10 To the extent applicable, in determining the best interests  
11 of the child under this article, there shall be a  
12 conclusive presumption that it is not in the best interests  
13 of the child to undergo any gender transition or gender  
14 reassignment procedures as defined by W.S. 20-2-206(a).

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16 **3-3-1108. Best interests of the child conclusive**  
17 **presumption.**

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19 To the extent applicable, in determining the best interests  
20 of the child under this article, there shall be a  
21 conclusive presumption that it is not in the best interests  
22 of the child to undergo any gender transition or gender  
23 reassignment procedures as defined by W.S. 20-2-206(a).

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2           **8-1-110. Best interests of the child conclusive**  
3 **presumption.**

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5 To the extent applicable, in determining the best interests  
6 of the child under state law, there shall be a conclusive  
7 presumption that it is not in the best interests of the  
8 child to undergo any gender transition or gender  
9 reassignment procedures as defined by W.S. 20-2-206(a).

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11           **14-2-824. Best interests of the child conclusive**  
12 **presumption.**

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14 To the extent applicable, in determining the best interests  
15 of the child under this article, there shall be a  
16 conclusive presumption that it is not in the best interests  
17 of the child to undergo any gender transition or gender  
18 reassignment procedures as defined by W.S. 20-2-206(a).

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20           **14-3-442. Best interests of the child conclusive**  
21 **presumption.**

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1 To the extent applicable, in determining the best interests  
2 of the child under this article, there shall be a  
3 conclusive presumption that it is not in the best interests  
4 of the child to undergo any gender transition or gender  
5 reassignment procedures as defined by W.S. 20-2-206(a).

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7 **14-6-441. Best interests of the child conclusive**  
8 **presumption.**

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10 To the extent applicable, in determining the best interests  
11 of the child under this article, there shall be a  
12 conclusive presumption that it is not in the best interests  
13 of the child to undergo any gender transition or gender  
14 reassignment procedures as defined by W.S. 20-2-206(a).

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16 **20-2-206. Best interests of the child conclusive**  
17 **presumption.**

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19 (a) To the extent applicable, in determining the best  
20 interests of the child under this article, there shall be a  
21 conclusive presumption that it is not in the best interests  
22 of the child to undergo any gender transition or gender

1 reassignment procedures. For purposes of this section,  
2 "gender transition or gender reassignment procedures":

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4 (i) Shall include any of the following:

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6 (A) A surgery that sterilizes the child,  
7 including castration, vasectomy, hysterectomy,  
8 oophorectomy, metoidioplasty, orchiectomy, penectomy,  
9 phalloplasty and vaginoplasty;

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11 (B) A mastectomy;

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13 (C) A procedure that provides, administers,  
14 prescribes or dispenses any of the following prescription  
15 drugs that induce transient or permanent infertility:

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17 (I) Puberty suppression or blocking  
18 prescription drugs to stop or delay normal puberty;

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20 (II) Supraphysiologic doses of  
21 testosterone to females;

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1 (III) Supraphysiologic doses of  
2 estrogen to males.

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4 (ii) Shall not include any procedures or  
5 treatments that are performed with the consent of the  
6 child's parent or guardian and are for a child who:

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8 (A) Is born with a medically verifiable  
9 genetic disorder of sex development, including 46, XX  
10 chromosomes with virilization, 46, XY chromosomes with  
11 undervirilization or both ovarian and testicular tissue;

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13 (B) Has medically verifiable central  
14 precocious puberty.

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16 **20-2-317. Best interests of the child conclusive**  
17 **presumption.**

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19 To the extent applicable, in determining the best interests  
20 of the child under this article, there shall be a  
21 conclusive presumption that it is not in the best interests  
22 of the child to undergo any gender transition or gender  
23 reassignment procedures as defined by W.S. 20-2-206(a).

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2           **Section 2.** W.S. 1-22-111 by creating a new subsection  
3 (c), 20-7-101 by creating a new subsection (f) and  
4 35-21-105(b)(i)(intro) are amended to read:

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6           **1-22-111. Decree; investigation; denial of adoption;**  
7 **conclusive presumption.**

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9           (c) To the extent applicable, in determining the best  
10 interests of the child under subsection (a) of this  
11 section, there shall be a conclusive presumption that it is  
12 not in the best interests of the child to undergo any  
13 gender transition or gender reassignment procedures as  
14 defined by W.S. 20-2-206(a).

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16           **20-7-101. Establishing grandparents' visitation**  
17 **rights.**

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19           (f) To the extent applicable, in determining the best  
20 interests of the child under subsection (a) of this  
21 section, there shall be a conclusive presumption that it is  
22 not in the best interests of the child to undergo any

1 gender transition or gender reassignment procedures as  
2 defined by W.S. 20-2-206(a).

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4 **35-21-105. Order of protection; contents; remedies;**  
5 **order not to affect title to property; conditions.**

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7 (b) As part of any order of protection pursuant to  
8 subsection (a) of this section, the court shall:

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10 (i) When the court finds it to be in the best  
11 interests of the children, award temporary custody of any  
12 children involved to the petitioner. The court shall in  
13 this instance provide for visitation with the respondent  
14 only if adequate provision can be made for the safety of  
15 the children and the petitioner. To the extent applicable,  
16 in determining the best interests of the child under this  
17 paragraph, there shall be a conclusive presumption that it  
18 is not in the best interests of the child to undergo any  
19 gender transition or gender reassignment procedures as  
20 defined by W.S. 20-2-206(a). To provide for the safety of  
21 the children and the petitioner, the court may:

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1           **Section 3.** This act shall apply to all proceedings  
2 filed on and after July 1, 2024 for which a court is  
3 required to make a determination based on the best  
4 interests of the child.

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6           **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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