## STATE OF WYOMING

## SENATE FILE NO. SF0138

Child custody orders-abandonment.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Perkins and Representative(s) Nicholas, B. and Throne

## A BILL

## for

1	AN ACT relating to parental rights; specifying the effect
2	of custody and support orders in terminating parental
3	rights; 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. 14-2-309(a)(i) is amended to read:
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9	14-2-309. Grounds for termination of parent-child
10	relationship; clear and convincing evidence.
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12	(a) The parent-child legal relationship may be
13	terminated if any one (1) or more of the following facts is
14	established by clear and convincing evidence:
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1	(i) The child has been left in the care of
2	another person without provision for the child's support
3	and without communication from the absent parent for a
4	period of at least one (1) year. In making the above
5	determination, the court may disregard occasional
6	contributions, or incidental contacts and communications.
7	For purposes of this paragraph, a court order of custody
8	shall not preclude a finding that a child has been left in
9	the care of another person;
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11	Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon
12	completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
13	as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
14	Constitution.
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16 (END)

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