

Senate File 2062 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3031)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act including fathers whose paternity has been lawfully
2 established in the definition of parent for the purposes of
3 juvenile justice proceedings.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 232.2, subsection 39, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 39. "Parent" means a biological or adoptive mother or
4 father of a child ~~but~~; or a father whose paternity has been
5 established by operation of law due to the individual's
6 marriage to the mother at the time of conception, birth, or
7 at any time during the period between conception and birth of
8 the child, by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or
9 by administrative order when authorized by state law. "Parent"
10 does not include a mother or father whose parental rights have
11 been terminated.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill amends the definition of "parent" relative to the
16 rights, duties, and privileges parents have in the parent-child
17 relationship under the juvenile justice chapter of the Code
18 (chapter 232) to provide that in addition to a biological or
19 adoptive mother or father of a child, the definition includes
20 a father whose paternity has been established by operation
21 of law due to the individual's marriage to the mother at the
22 time of conception, birth, or at any time during the period
23 between conception and birth of the child; by order of a court
24 of competent jurisdiction; or by administrative order when
25 authorized by state law. The definition retains the current
26 provision that "parent" does not include a mother or father
27 whose parental rights have been terminated.