

**Senate Study Bill 3031 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SODDERS)

**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.