



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 517**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 4, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 517 adds additional exceptions for not reunifying the family and for termination of parental rights due to parental convictions of felony assaults.

The bill provides that the court shall not be required to reunify the family if a parent of a juvenile who has been convicted of felony sexual assault of the other parent or a comparable crime in another state. Additionally, the court may terminate all parental rights if one parent has been convicted of felony sexual assault of the other parent or a comparable crime in another state.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Thomas Hansen**