

1 SENATE BILL 45

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS; PROVIDING A PROCESS FOR  
12 TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO A CHILD  
13 CONCEIVED AS A RESULT OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL PENETRATION; PROVIDING  
14 A PENALTY.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 SECTION 1. A new section of the Children's Code is  
18 enacted to read:

19 "[NEW MATERIAL] TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS--  
20 CONCEPTION RESULTING FROM CRIMINAL SEXUAL PENETRATION.--

21 A. At any time, a biological parent may petition  
22 the court for termination of the parental rights of a child's  
23 other biological parent, where that other biological parent has  
24 been convicted of criminal sexual penetration and where the  
25 criminal sexual penetration resulted in the conception and

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1 birth of the child. The court shall grant the petition if the  
2 court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the  
3 child was conceived as a result of the criminal sexual  
4 penetration for which the other biological parent was  
5 convicted.

6 B. In a proceeding that involves a child subject to  
7 the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, the grounds for  
8 any attempted termination shall be proved beyond a reasonable  
9 doubt and shall meet the requirements set forth in that act,  
10 and the court shall, in a termination order, make specific  
11 findings that those requirements were met.

12 C. As used in this section, "criminal sexual  
13 penetration" means criminal sexual penetration in the first,  
14 second or third degree pursuant to the laws of this state or an  
15 equivalent offense pursuant to the laws of another  
16 jurisdiction, territory or possession of the United States or  
17 an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo."

18 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
19 provisions of this act is July 1, 2017.