

SJRES 16

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to parental rights.

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HJRES 42	Related bill	Apr 27, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
111 SJRES 13	Related bill	Mar 3, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Constitutional Amendment - States that the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children is a fundamental right.

States that neither the United States nor any state shall infringe upon this right without demonstrating that its government interest as applied to the child involved is of the highest order and not otherwise served.

States that no treaty may be adopted nor shall any source of international law be employed to supersede, modify, interpret, or apply to the rights guaranteed by this amendment.

Actions Timeline

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