

## HJRES 50

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to parental rights.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Families

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 15, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Families

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 SJRES 37	Identical bill	Jun 4, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Jun 18, 2013)

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

Declares further that the parental right to direct education includes the right to choose public, private, religious, or home schools, and the right to make reasonable choices within public schools for one's child.

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

Prohibits this article from being construed to apply to a parental action or decision that would end life.

Declares 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

- Jul 15, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- Jun 18, 2013: Introduced in House
- Jun 18, 2013: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.