

SJRES 36

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

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Families

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

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Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jun 29, 2016
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 29, 2016
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jun 29, 2016
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jun 29, 2016
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 14, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 29, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HJRES 91	Related bill	<b>May 17, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

## Constitutional Amendment

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment stating that:

- the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their children is a fundamental right;
- the parental right to direct education includes the right to choose, as an alternative to public education, private, religious, or home schools, and the right to make reasonable choices within public schools for one's child;
- neither the United States nor any state shall infringe upon these rights without demonstrating that its governmental interest as applied to the person is of the highest order and not otherwise served;
- the parental rights guaranteed by this amendment shall not be denied or abridged on account of disability;
- this amendment shall not be construed to apply to a parental action or decision that would end life; and
- 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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