

HJRES 121

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

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| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Dec 13, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 SJRES 48 | Related bill | Aug 1, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

Summary (as of Nov 16, 2017)

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; and
- this amendment shall not be construed to apply to a parental action or decision that would end life.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 13, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Nov 16, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 16, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.