

## SJRES 48

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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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Aug 1, 2017)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Aug 1, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Families

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HJRES 121	Related bill	Dec 13, 2017: 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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