

House Members Introduce Bill to Shield Parental Rights From Government Interference

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Members of Congress have introduced a constitutional amendment that would protect a parent's right to "direct the upbringing, education and care of their children."

U.S. Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ) submitted the Parental Rights Amendment this week written to establish parenting a child as a "fundamental right."

"Parental rights are under attack across our nation," Lesko said.

The joint resolution, H.J. Res. 36, would give parents a right to direct the education of their child, which 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," and the government cannot "infringe" on that right.

"Sadly, as parents have stood before local school boards and state legislatures across the country to claim that right, they've been met by government officials who declare themselves the ultimate determiners of what's best for children," said Emilie Koa, Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) senior counsel and vice president of Advocacy Strategy.

"This includes growing instances of schools actively hiding controversial curricula and critical information about children's mental and physical health from parents," she added.

The ADF and the Parental Rights Foundation are a part of a

coalition of organizations, parents and leaders backing the legislation.

“The Supreme Court has recognized parental rights for a century, but parental rights are just too important to be left to Supreme Court precedent alone. This Amendment will enshrine these traditional rights in the black-and-white of the Constitution, preserving that parental role for generations to come,” said Will Estrada, president of and the Parental Rights Foundation.

As CBN News has reported, California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) signed a bill recently that would allow minors to travel to the state and receive transgender medical treatment without their parent’s knowledge or permission.

Earlier this year, a California court essentially ended the parental relationship between a father and son, giving the dad no say in stopping a scheduled medical transition for the boy, but, instead, forcing him to pay more than \$200,000 for the procedure.

In Michigan, children could be able to obtain sterilizing drugs without their parents permission under a new proposal set to be voted on in November, according to The Federalist.

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