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Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1362

Introduced by

Representatives Christensen, Bosch, Heilman, Kasper, Koppelman, Lefor, Meier, M. Ruby

Senators Boehm, Larsen, Paulson, Wobbema

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to recognizing a parent's interest in their child's upbringing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Parent's interest in child's upbringing.

1. As used in this section, a "parent" means parent or legal guardian not including a school or other institution serving in loco parentis.
2. It is the public policy of the state that:
   a. A parent retains the right and duty to exercise primary control over the care, supervision, upbringing, and education of the parent's child;
   b. A child has the right to protection from abuse and neglect; and
   c. The state retains a compelling interest in preventing, assessing, investigating, addressing, and prosecuting abuse and neglect.