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2024 SESSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **25**

RELATING TO: the rights of children and parents.

PROVIDING THAT: parents and children have the right to control their health, education, and welfare.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hoell, Merr. 27; Rep. Cushman, Hills. 28; Rep. Granger, Straf. 2; Rep. A. Lekas, Hills. 38; Rep. K. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19; Rep. D. Kelley, Hills. 32; Rep. Belcher, Carr. 4; Rep. Coulon, Graf. 5; Rep. Phillips, Rock. 7

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution amends the constitution to recognize the rights of children and parents to provide for the protection of their minor children.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: the rights of children and parents.

PROVIDING THAT: parents and children have the right to control their health, education, and welfare.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

I. That the first part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 2-b the following new article:

[Art.] 2-c [Rights of Children and Parents.] Minor children have the natural right to the protection of their parents in the control of their health, education and welfare; therefore, parents have the natural right to provide protection to their minor children.

II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2024.

III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to insert in their warrants for the said 2024 election an article to the following effect: To decide whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2024 session of the general court shall be approved.

IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be: "Are you in favor of amending the first part of the constitution by inserting after article 2-b the following new article:

[Art.] 2-c [Rights of Children and Parents.] Minor children have the natural right to the protection of their parents in the control of their health, education and welfare; therefore, parents have the natural right to provide protection to their minor children."

V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no oval is marked, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by the 2024 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

VII. Voters' Guide.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, the constitution does not explicitly recognize the rights of

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1 children or parents.

2 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, the constitution will recognize the natural
3 rights of children to the protection of their parents and the natural right of parents to provide
4 protection to their minor children.