

HJR 135 -- PARENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

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Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment would add a new section to Article IX that would enumerate specific rights to parents of Missouri children in regards to education, established as "The Parents' Bill of Rights".

Such rights include but are not limited to the following: the parent's right to participate and direct the education of their child; the right to access and view curricula, academic performance, and financial information; the right to choose educational options; and the right to opt a child out of any content that is disagreeable to the parent.

Public schools are required to take actions necessary to promote, preserve, and protect the parental rights with specified actions, including but not limited to making curricula public 30 days before each semester in which it will be taught, making public academic performance information, and all financial data as specified.

Additional restrictions are placed on schools to prevent employees and students from being compelled to adopt, affirm, adhere to, or profess ideas as specified; including ideas related to race, ethnicity, color, or national origin superiority.

The amendment requires that the State Board of Education produce a school accountability report card with specific letter grades A-F based on academic performance measures.

Indicators include statewide assessment testing scores, median grade point average, attendance, dropout and graduation rates, and growth scores in English and math, using the specified calculations.