

1-1 By: Paxton, Middleton S.J.R. No. 29  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 12, 2023; February 17, 2023,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
 1-4 April 11, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2; April 11, 2023,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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1-15		X		
1-16		X		
1-17	X			
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1-20	X			
1-21			X	

1-22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.J.R. No. 29 By: Bettencourt

1-23 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-24 proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a parent's right  
 1-25 to direct a child's education.

1-26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
 1-28 adding Section 36 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 36. (a) In this section, "parent" means a natural  
 1-30 parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, legal guardian, or other legal  
 1-31 custodian of a child.

1-32 (b) A parent has the right to direct the education of the  
 1-33 parent's child, including the right to:

1-34 (1) make reasonable choices within the public school  
 1-35 system;

1-36 (2) choose an alternative to public education, such as  
 1-37 a private school, including a parochial school or home school;

1-38 (3) access and view public school teaching materials,  
 1-39 textbooks and other instructional materials, and library books;

1-40 (4) attend meetings of the governing body of a public  
 1-41 school; and

1-42 (5) access public school student records for the  
 1-43 parent's child, including the child's student health records.

1-44 (c) The rights described by Subsection (b) of this section  
 1-45 may not be denied or restricted because the parent or the child is  
 1-46 an individual with a disability.

1-47 (d) The legislature by general law may provide for processes  
 1-48 to ensure that the rights described by Subsection (b) of this  
 1-49 section are upheld.

1-50 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
 1-51 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.  
 1-52 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
 1-53 proposition: "The constitutional amendment establishing a  
 1-54 parent's right to direct a child's education."

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