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S.J.R. No. 29

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a parent's right  
3 to direct a child's education.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
6 adding Section 36 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 36. (a) In this section, "parent" means a natural  
8 parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, legal guardian, or other legal  
9 custodian of a child.

10 (b) A parent has the right to direct the education of the  
11 parent's child, including the right to:

12 (1) make reasonable choices within the public school  
13 system;

14 (2) choose an alternative to public education,  
15 including a private school, parochial school, or home school;

16 (3) access and view public school teaching materials,  
17 textbooks and other instructional materials, and library books;

18 (4) attend meetings of the governing body of a public  
19 school;

20 (5) access public school student records for the  
21 parent's child, including the child's student health records; and

22 (6) access and view academic assessment instruments,  
23 including state-mandated academic assessment instruments, provided  
24 the access and viewing of the assessment may be controlled to

1 protect the security of the assessment prior to the administration  
2 of the assessment.

3 (c) The rights described by Subsection (b) of this section  
4 may not be denied or restricted because the parent or the child is  
5 an individual with a disability.

6 (d) The legislature by general law may provide for processes  
7 to ensure that the rights described by Subsection (b) of this  
8 section are upheld.

9 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
10 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.  
11 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
12 proposition: "The constitutional amendment establishing a  
13 parent's right to direct a child's education."