

**JOINT RESOLUTION ON PARENTAL RIGHTS REGARDING  
THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature asserts parents' rights to direct their children's education.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ asserts that children are the parents' responsibility;
- ▶ asserts that parents are the sole stewards of their children's education and do not forfeit that responsibility to other stakeholders; and
- ▶ calls upon state and local leaders to uphold the rights of parents and families to restore America's traditional purpose for education so that children will be empowered to follow their individual dreams and fulfill their life missions.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, parents have the fundamental right to direct their children's educations;

WHEREAS, parents have the fundamental right to contribute to the education standards set for their children;

WHEREAS, parents have the fundamental right to see their children's curriculum;



28 WHEREAS, parents have the fundamental right to see their children's test questions;

29 WHEREAS, parents have the fundamental right to protect their children's and family's  
30 privacy;

31 WHEREAS, parents have a liberty interest in protecting their great, local teachers;

32 WHEREAS, parents have a fundamental right to control their children's school  
33 attendance;

34 WHEREAS, parents have the fundamental right to:

35 (1) refuse tests for their children that the parents cannot review;

36 (2) refuse that their children's educations be tied to standards, appendices, and curricula  
37 frameworks that are not locally controlled;

38 (3) refuse that their children participate in any school assignment or test that opens the  
39 door to federal and third party data collection without parental consent;

40 (4) protect their great teachers against accountability measures that threaten such  
41 teachers' financial livelihood and eliminate such teachers' ability to teach children as they are  
42 inspired to do;

43 (5) refuse compulsory preschool and adherence to mandatory attendance rules that  
44 undermine family time and family bonds; and

45 WHEREAS, the family is the fundamental unit of our society:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that children are the parents' responsibility,  
47 and it is the parents' right to protect their children from those forces that would realign the  
48 children's educations to serve the needs of the state.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that parents are the sole stewards of their children's  
50 education and do not forfeit that stewardship to "stakeholders" who increasingly control federal  
51 and state education policy.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature calls upon state and local leaders to  
53 uphold the rights of parents and families by restoring America's traditional purpose for  
54 education so that children will be empowered to follow their individual dreams and fulfill their  
55 life missions.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the  
57 members of Utah's congressional delegation, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
58 the president of the Senate of every state legislature in the United States.

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