

PARENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

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TO ENSURE MINNESOTA PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT ANYTHING THAT AFFECTS THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR CHILDREN.

WHY DO WE NEED A PARENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS?

- Prior to the year 2000, the Supreme Court followed the doctrine that parents have a fundamental right to direct the upbringing and education of their children.
- Then in the case, Troxel v. Granville, the Supreme Court issued a split decision, which opened the door for individual judges and states to apply their own varying interpretations to parental rights.
- Parental rights SHOULD be simple to understand and protect.
- Statutes outlining parental rights are currently scattered throughout Minnesota law and contain many gaps, resulting in unclear guidelines to agencies.
- This confusion leads to unnecessary infringement and trauma to Minnesota families.
- Parental rights affect everyone- it is important that Minnesota's large immigrant population be guaranteed their parental rights so they may continue to educate their children, observe medical practices and direct the upbringing of their children according to their heritage and cultural beliefs.
- Placing rights into the hands of parents, rather than businesses and broken institutions, protects children from discrimination based on their race, religion, economic status, etc... which they may not have the experience to recognize.
- Passage of the "Parent's Bill of Rights" will fill the gaps and provide a clear single statute on fundamental rights and responsibilities for all Minnesota citizens.

EDUCATION

DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, MORAL OR RELIGIOUS ENVIRONMENT OF THE MINOR CHILD.

THE RIGHT TO DIRECT THE EDUCATION OF THE MINOR CHILD, WHETHER IT BE PUBLIC, CHARTER, PRIVATE, OR HOME EDUCATION.

ACCESS, REVIEW, AND OVERSEE THE PRIVACY OF ALL RECORDS RELATING TO THE MINOR CHILD.

DATA

CONSENT IN WRITING:

BEFORE ANY BIOMETRIC SCAN OF THE MINOR CHILD OCCURS OR IS SHARED OR STORED.

BEFORE ANY RECORD OF THE MINOR CHILD'S BLOOD OR DNA IS MADE, SHARED, OR STORED.

BEFORE THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAKES A VIDEO OR VOICE RECORDING OF THE MINOR CHILD.

MEDICAL

THE CHOICE OF HEALTH CARE TEAM & THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR DECLINE BIOLOGICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL, & SUPPLEMENTAL INTERVENTIONS IN COORDINATION WITH THE SELECTED HEALTH CARE TEAM.

CONSENT IN WRITING BEFORE ANY EXAMINATION, PHARMACEUTICAL, SURGICAL, OR THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS TAKE PLACE, UNLESS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY EXISTS REQUIRING TREATMENT TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE MINOR CHILD

PROTECTING CHILDREN BY EMPOWERING PARENTS