

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1362

(Representatives Christensen, Bosch, Heilman, Kasper, Koppelman, Lefor, Meier, M. Ruby)
(Senators Boehm, Larsen, Paulson, Wobbema)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to recognizing a parent's interest in their child's upbringing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Parent's interest in child's upbringing.

1. As used in this section, a "parent" means parent or legal guardian not including a school or other institution serving in loco parentis.
2. It is the public policy of the state that:
 - a. A parent retains the right and duty to exercise primary control over the care, supervision, upbringing, and education of the parent's child;
 - b. A child has the right to protection from abuse and neglect; and
 - c. The state retains a compelling interest in preventing, assessing, investigating, addressing, and prosecuting abuse and neglect.
3. This section may not be interpreted to supersede chapters 27-20.1, 27-20.2, 27-20.3, and 27-20.4.

Dennis Johnson
Speaker of the House

Tammy Miller
President of the Senate

Buell J. Reist
Chief Clerk of the House

Sharon Nygren
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1362.

House Vote: Yeas 65 Nays 26 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 3 Absent 1

Buell J. Reist
Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at 12:09 PM. on May 6, 2023.

Doug Burgum
Governor

Filed in this office this 9 day of May, 2023,
at 1:08 o'clock P M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State