

1-1 By: Paxton, et al. S.J.R. No. 12
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2024; February 3, 2025,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
 1-4 March 17, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 1; March 17, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-16	X			
1-17	X			
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1-19 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-20 proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a parent's right
 1-21 to direct a child's education.

1-22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by
 1-24 adding Section 37 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 37. (a) In this section, "parent" means a natural
 1-26 parent, stepparent, adoptive parent, legal guardian, or other legal
 1-27 custodian of a child.

1-28 (b) A parent has the right to direct the education of the
 1-29 parent's child, including the right to:

1-30 (1) make reasonable choices within the public school
 1-31 system;

1-32 (2) choose an alternative to public education, such as
 1-33 a private school, including a parochial school or home school;

1-34 (3) access and view public school teaching materials,
 1-35 textbooks and other instructional materials, and library books;

1-36 (4) attend meetings of the governing body of a public
 1-37 school; and

1-38 (5) access public school student records for the
 1-39 parent's child, including the child's student health records.

1-40 (c) The rights described by Subsection (b) of this section
 1-41 may not be denied or restricted because the parent or the child is
 1-42 an individual with a disability.

1-43 (d) The legislature by general law may provide for processes
 1-44 to ensure that the rights described by Subsection (b) of this
 1-45 section are upheld.

1-46 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
 1-47 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
 1-48 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
 1-49 proposition: "The constitutional amendment establishing a
 1-50 parent's right to direct a child's education."

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