

**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.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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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

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State