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Short Title: Define Parental Rights Standard/Statutory Law. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ford and Pittman (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DEFINE FUNDAMENTAL PARENTAL RIGHTS BY STATUTORY LAW.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
4 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding the  
5 following new section to read:  
6 "**§ 115C-6. Parental rights protected.**  
7 The liberty of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, and care of his or her child is a  
8 fundamental right. Neither the State nor any agency or locality of the State shall infringe on a  
9 parent's rights to the care, custody, and control of his or her child without demonstrating that its  
10 governmental interest as applied to the person is of the highest order and not otherwise served."  
11 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

