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LD 492

I support LD 492 “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for Parental Rights.”

As I understand it, this resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to provide that the natural, inherent and unalienable rights of minor children are held by their parents or guardians until the age of majority or a grant of emancipation and that this State, its political subdivisions and all governmental entities may not infringe on the authority of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care for the physical, mental and spiritual health of their children, absent abuse or neglect by the parent or guardian or criminal acts by the minor.

It's a shame we are at this point. But here we are. The legislature, school districts, and medical providers are intent on circumventing parental authority and direction, in an effort to make the kids into something their parents don't necessarily agree with, or totally oppose.

This is common sense legislation. If it takes a constitutional amendment to restore sanity and to ensure a parent's authority over their child's upbringing is restored, and the parent's wishes are respected, so be it.

Again, I support LD 492 “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for Parental Rights”, and it “ought to pass.”