

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Conference Committee Amendments
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1362**

Introduced by

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

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-09 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to recognizing a parent's interest in their child's upbringing.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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

6 **Parent's interest in child's upbringing.**

7 1. As used in this section, a "parent" means parent or legal guardian not including a
8 school or other institution serving in loco parentis.

9 2. It is the public policy of the state that:

10 a. A parent retains the right and duty to exercise primary control over the care,
11 supervision, upbringing, and education of the parent's child;

12 b. A child has the right to protection from abuse and neglect; and

13 c. The state retains a compelling interest in preventing, assessing, investigating,
14 addressing, and prosecuting abuse and neglect.

15 3. This section may not be interpreted to supersede chapters 27-20.1, 27-20.2, 27-20.3,
16 and 27-20.4.