

PROPOSED LANGUAGE (in caps)

Be in Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Article II, section 3 of the Colorado Constitution is amended to read:

(3) Inalienable rights. All persons have certain natural, essential, and inalienable rights, among which may be reckoned the right to enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; and of seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness; PARENTS HAVE A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO NURTURE AND TO MAKE DECISIONS CONCERNING THE OVERALL CARE, CUSTODY, AND CONTROL OF THEIR CHILDREN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO DIRECT THE EDUCATION, UPBRINGING, INSTRUCTION, RELIGIOUS AND MORAL INSTRUCTION, HEALTH, MEDICAL CARE, WELFARE, PLACE OF HABITATION, COUNSELING, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF THEIR CHILDREN.