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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2181

5 By: Representative Womack  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS; AND FOR  
9 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

12 TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS.  
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 25, Subchapter 1, is amended  
19 to add an additional section to read as follows:

20 9-25-105. Right to parent.

21 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

22 (1) The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United  
23 States preserves the fundamental right of a parent to direct and govern the  
24 care, custody, and control of his or her child; and

25 (2) The right to parent has been recognized by the United States  
26 Supreme Court and the Arkansas Supreme Court.

27 (b) The state or an agency of the state shall not infringe upon the  
28 right to parent unless the state or an agency of the state demonstrates that  
29 there is a compelling governmental interest to protect the best interest of  
30 the child.  
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