

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 567

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION AND PARENTAL RIGHTS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT;
2 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW
3 SECTION 33-358, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN
4 RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS AND TO STATE A PUBLIC POLICY.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature to
8 emphasize the rights of parents as those rights relate to their children's
9 education. While the Legislature is charged with the task of establishing
10 and maintaining a general, uniform and thorough system of public schools,
11 the Legislature also acknowledges and confirms the right of parents as they
12 relate to their children's education.

13 SECTION 2. That Chapter 3, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
14 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
15 ignated as Section 33-358, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

16 33-358. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PARENTAL RIGHTS. (1) Under the United
17 States Constitution and as recognized by Idaho courts, parents and legal
18 guardians who have legal custody of minor children have a right, respon-
19 sibility and obligation to participate in the education of such minor
20 children.

21 (2) It is the public policy of this state that parents retain the funda-
22 mental right and duty to exercise primary control over the care, supervision
23 and upbringing of their children.