

By: Senator(s) Fillingane

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2650

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE PARENTAL RIGHTS ACT; TO PROTECT A
2 PARENT'S RIGHT TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING OF THE PARENT'S CHILD; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** **Parental rights protected.** (1) The liberty of a
6 parent to direct the upbringing, education, and care of his or her
7 child is a fundamental right.

8 (2) The State of Mississippi or any agency thereof shall not
9 infringe this right without demonstrating that its governmental
10 interest as applied to the person is of the highest order and not
11 otherwise served.

12 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
13 and after July 1, 2013.

