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S.F. No. 2909 – Parent’s rights (1st engrossment)

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Subdivision 1. Legislative findings. Provides legislative findings, including a finding that it is a fundamental right of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, and care of the parent’s minor child. Defines “parent” as a person who has legal custody of a minor child as a natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian.

Subdivision 2. Infringement of parental rights. Provides that the state must not infringe on the fundamental rights of a parent to direct the upbringing, health, well-being, mental health, and education of a parent’s minor child without demonstrating that the potential infringement is: (1) reasonable and necessary to achieve a compelling state interest; and (2) narrowly tailored and not otherwise served by less restrictive means.