

1 SB203
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3 By Senator Sanford
4 RFD: Education
5 First Read: 15-JAN-14

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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to parental rights; to create a fundamental
12 right of a parent to direct his or her child's education,
13 upbringing, and care.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

15 Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that
16 this act codify the opinion of the Supreme Court of Alabama in
17 *Ex parte Christopher*, issued on October 4, 2013, and *Ex parte*
18 *E.R.G.*, issued on June 10, 2011, as it relates to parental
19 rights.

20 Section 2. A parent has a fundamental right and
21 responsibility to direct the education, upbringing, and care
22 of his or her child. This act shall not be construed to
23 relieve parents of their responsibility to comply with Alabama
24 statutes requiring school attendance.

25 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
26 first day of the third month following its passage and
27 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Senate

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the Senate committee on Education..... 15-JAN-14

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the calendar 2 amendments..... 12-FEB-14

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amended 20-MAR-14

Yeas 28
Nays 3

Patrick Harris
Secretary