

House File 560 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the rights of parents, guardians, and
2 minors including those relating to gender transition
3 procedure-related activities for minors, and providing
4 effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 601.1, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 2. ~~Subject to section 147.164,~~ a A parent or guardian
4 bears the ultimate responsibility, and has the fundamental,
5 constitutionally protected right, to make decisions affecting the
6 parent's or guardian's minor child, including decisions related
7 to the minor child's medical care, moral upbringing, religious
8 upbringing, residence, education, and extracurricular activities.
9 Any and all restrictions of this right shall be subject to strict
10 scrutiny.

11 Sec. 2. REPEAL. Section 147.164, Code 2025, is repealed.

12 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
13 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

14 Sec. 4. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act applies
15 retroactively to March 22, 2023.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to the rights of parents, guardians, and
20 minors. The bill repeals Code section 147.164 (gender transition
21 procedure-related activities — minors — prohibitions), and
22 makes a conforming change in the Code. The bill takes effect
23 upon enactment and is retroactively applicable to March 22, 2023.