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Senate Joint Resolution No. ____

A joint resolution proposing the creation of
Section 18 of Article X of the State
Constitution to state the rights of parents to
consent to their minor children's medical
treatment, including abortion.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the creation of Section 18 of Article X of the
State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the
electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next
general election or at an earlier special election
specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 18. Medical treatment, abortion; parental
consent.--Nothing in this constitution shall be deemed to
restrict a parent's right to consent to medical treatment,
including, but not limited to, abortion, for that parent's
minor child as permitted by the United States Constitution.
This state has a compelling interest in protecting the rights
of parents to make such decisions for their minor children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE X, SECTION 18

ABORTION, OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT; PARENTAL
CONSENT.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution
declaring the right of parents to consent to medical

1 treatment, including abortion, which is provided to their
2 minor children.

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