

27 factors impeding the ability of caregivers to fulfill their
28 responsibilities are identified through the dependency process
29 and that appropriate recommendations and services to address
30 those problems are considered in any judicial or nonjudicial
31 proceeding.

32 (b) Parental rights.—

33 1. The liberty of a parent to direct the upbringing,
34 education, and care of the parent's child is a fundamental
35 right.

36 2.a. Neither the state nor a political subdivision of the
37 state shall infringe upon such right of a parent without
38 demonstrating that its governmental interest, as applied to the
39 parent, is of the highest order and not otherwise served.

40 b. This paragraph applies to any state general or local
41 law or local ordinance and the implementation of that law or
42 ordinance, whether adopted or effective before or after the
43 effective date of this paragraph.

44 c. A subsequent inconsistent general law may supersede
45 this paragraph, but only to the extent that it does so by
46 express reference to this paragraph.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.